

By Mr. Forman of Plymouth, petition of Peter Forman that provision be made for assistance in replacement of pipes with tetrachloroethylene. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE IN REPLACEMENT OF PIPES WITH TETRACHLOROETHYLENE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286 of the Acts of 1982 are hereby  
2 amended as follows: —

3 Section 1. By inserting after Section 14A the following new  
4 sections: — “14B, The department of environmental quality  
5 engineering shall establish a program for the prevention of  
6 contamination of drinking water supplies from tetrachloroethy-  
7 lene (T4CE). Such program shall provide for the testing of water  
8 quality and shall identify communities with tetrachloroethylene  
9 contaminant levels higher than the federal Suggested No Adverse  
10 Response Level (SNARL). The department of environmental  
11 quality engineering shall help communities take action which will  
12 eliminate or reduce contaminant levels below the SNARL.  
13 Priority for replacement of vinyl-lines asbestos cement pipes shall  
14 be given to those communities where a water supply shortage, or  
15 potential for such shortage exists and other remedial actions  
16 would cause an unnecessary loss of water. Grants for replacement  
17 or construction of pipes shall not exceed fifty percent of the total  
18 costs. For purposes of this section there shall be made available  
19 a sum of \$15 million from which no more than five percent shall  
20 be used for administrative expenses.

21 “14C, Monies received by the Commonwealth as a result of  
22 recoveries from suits pertaining to contamination of drinking  
23 water by tetrachloroethylene shall be held for the use of the

24 executive office of environmental affairs by the state treasurer as  
25 custodian in a special fund to be known as the Tetrachloroethylene  
26 Contamination Fund. Said monies shall be invested, reinvested  
27 and held in the name of the Commonwealth and of such fund by  
28 the state treasurer."

29 "14D. Monies received by any city or town as a result of  
30 recoveries from suits pertaining to contamination of drinking  
31 water by tetrachloroethylene shall be deducted from the monies  
32 provided by the department of environmental quality engineering  
33 to the municipalities for the elimination or reduction of  
34 tetrachloroethylene contaminant levels below the SNARL. Said  
35 monies will therefore constitute part of the department's  
36 assistance.

37 Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three of chapter  
38 44 of the General Laws, any city or town may establish in the town  
39 treasury a revolving fund of said monies which shall be kept  
40 separate and apart from all other monies by the treasurer. Monies  
41 from this revolving fund shall be used specifically for the  
42 elimination or reduction of tetrachloroethylene levels.

1 SECTION 2. Section 22 is hereby amended by striking the  
2 words: "three hundred and thirty-three million, two hundred and  
3 fifty thousand dollars" and inserting in place the words "three  
4 hundred and forty-eight million, two hundred and fifty thousand  
5 dollars."