

# HOUSE . . . No. 1459

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1920.

The committees on Water Supply and Public Health, sitting jointly, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph E. Herrick that the Department of Public Works be authorized to protect and improve great ponds in the Commonwealth, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 871).

For the committee,

MORRILL S. RYDER.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 23, 1920.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to authorize the Department of Public Works to protect and improve great ponds belonging to the Commonwealth (House, No. 871), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

HENRY L. SHATTUCK.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

---

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

---

### AN ACT

To authorize the Department of Public Works to investigate and protect the Rights of the Public in the Great Ponds and the Access thereto.

*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. The department of public works is hereby  
2 authorized to investigate the rights of public access to  
3 great ponds and to take such steps as it may deem  
4 reasonable and proper for the protection of the rights of  
5 the public in great ponds and the access thereto. The de-  
6 partment is hereby authorized to expend for said purposes  
7 during the years nineteen hundred and twenty, nineteen  
8 hundred and twenty-one and nineteen hundred and  
9 twenty-two such sums, not exceeding five thousand dol-  
10 lars in all or two thousand dollars in any one year, as  
11 may be available for the purpose.

1 SECTION 2. In selecting the investigations and other  
2 work to be done pursuant to the terms of this act, the  
3 general public advantage and any local, municipal or  
4 other contributions to the purpose shall be duly con-

5 sidered, and authority is hereby given to cities and towns  
6 to raise money by taxation or to make appropriations of  
7 money for the purposes authorized by this act, and the  
8 money so appropriated shall be paid to the treasurer and  
9 receiver-general and shall be expended by the said de-  
10 partment for the purposes aforesaid.

1 SECTION 3. Expenditures authorized by this act shall  
2 be paid from the annual appropriations made to carry out  
3 the provisions of chapter two hundred and thirty-one of  
4 the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and  
5 any future act passed for the same purpose.

