

HOUSE No. 81

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
STATE OFFICE BUILDING, GOVERNMENT CENTER,
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON 02202, November 2, 1966.

To the General Court of Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN:— In accord with the provisions of section 33 of chapter 30 of the general laws, as amended, recommendations for legislation are submitted herewith, together with drafts of bills embodying the legislation recommended.

The recommendation relating to the salary of the commissioner is included herein at the unanimous request of the Board of Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. YASI,
Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION.

Massachusetts is one of the few states that lacks a state geologist. The department, with knowledgeable advice from informed geologists at the University of Massachusetts, has reviewed the need for the accompanying legislation. The department has determined that the conservation and regulation of our minerals and natural deposits, along with academic research in geology is of considerable importance to our Commonwealth.

2. AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

The Board of Natural Resources has unanimously voted that legislation be introduced by this department increasing the salary of the Commissioner. The duties of this department have been considerably increased through the creation by your body of the Water Pollution Control Division along with attendant studies of related matters within the jurisdiction of the department. The salary of the important position of Commissioner should be brought up to equal standing with other responsible department heads of the Commonwealth.

3. AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF APPOINTIVE MEMBERS OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Because of the increased need for pure water and the studies and programs undertaken to prevent water pollution, the water resources commission meets regularly to treat with these problems. The compensation for expenses of the unsalaried members of this commission has not been changed since 1963. Accordingly, it is sincerely requested that the expense monies of these dedicated appointive members be increased to an adequate sum.

4. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BUREAU OF INSECT PEST CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SUPPRESSION OF PUBLIC NUISANCES.

This legislation is submitted to broaden the scope of aid to cities and towns by the Department's Bureau of Insect Pest Control. At present, Chapter 132, Section 11 is confined to public nuisances such as the Dutch elm disease. In many instances our cities and towns require the assistance of the bureau on insects and diseases not necessarily designated as public nuisances yet properly within the jurisdiction of the bureau.

5. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES HAVING POLICE POWERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BE CLASSIFIED IN GROUP 2 UNDER THE RETIREMENT LAW.

The officers and employees of this Department engaged in hazardous employment and those officers and employees with police powers should properly be included in Group 2 under the retirement law.

6. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A CERTAIN PHYSICAL CONDITION OR DISEASE — RETIREMENT LAW.

This proposal accompanies No. 5 above set forth so as to include the employees of this Department engaged in hazardous activities in the appropriate provisions of the retirement law.

7. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES TO ACQUIRE LANDS AND ACCEPT FUNDS IN TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING AND IMPROVING MARINE RESOURCES.

Occasions have arisen where private industries, landowners and groups interested in the preservation and propagation of our marine resources have desired to make gifts of real property or trust funds to the Division of Marine Fisheries. The division is not presently authorized to accept trust funds. The proposed legislation is similar to Chapter 131, Section 90 of our General Laws wherein the Division of Fisheries and Game was granted this authority by Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1941.

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