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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, February 10, 1967.*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 1765 entitled "An act authorizing the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury to supply the inhabitants of the Town of Wayland with water."

The proposed legislation would extend to the water district the benefits of the water lien law, as set forth in Sections 42A to 42F, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws. However, even though this is patterned after previous legislation, there are no specific provisions contained in the proposed legislation as to the manner in which the town could include liens for unpaid water rates in the town tax bills in order to take advantage of the lien law.

I, therefore, recommend that the bill be amended by striking out Sections 2 and 3 and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 2. Unpaid rates and charges for water supplied or service or materials furnished in connection therewith by the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury to or for real estate in the town of Wayland at the request of the owners or tenants thereof shall be a lien upon such real estate, and the provisions of sections forty-two A through forty-two E, inclusive, of chapter forty of the General Laws shall apply in said town of Wayland, notwithstanding so much of said section forty-two A as requires acceptance by said town and the filing of a certificate of such acceptance. In lieu of the filing of such certificate, the clerk of the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury shall file a copy of this act with the South Middlesex registry of deeds and the register of deeds shall record such copy in the book kept for the recording of certificates of acceptance in accordance with the provisions of said section forty-two A."

“SECTION 3. Annually in the month of April, the water and sewer commissioners of the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury shall certify to the assessors of the town of Wayland the amounts of such unpaid rates and charges owed to the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury by such owners or tenants of real estate in the town of Wayland for the preceding year. Said assessors shall forthwith add such amounts to the real estate taxes on the properties to which they relate and commit them with their warrant to the collector of taxes of the town of Wayland as part of the real estate taxes.”

“SECTION 4. Annually in the month of February, the town of Wayland shall pay to the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury the amounts collected in the preceding year by the town of Wayland for water supplied or service or materials furnished in connection therewith by the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury. No charge shall be made to the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury for making such collections.”

“SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of the Sudbury Water District of Sudbury present and voting thereon at a district meeting.”

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*