
By Mr. Bernashe of Chicopee, petition of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Roger L. Bernashe relative to making certain changes in the law relative to the pollution of water. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT FURTHERING STRENGTHENING THE CLEAN WATERS ACT.

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. Section 40 of chapter 21 of the General Laws as
2 inserted by section 1 of chapter 685 of the acts of 1966 is
3 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following
4 two paragraphs:—

5 The director or such authorized representative shall gov-
6 erning the pumping of oil or oil-bearing waters require that
7 no valves be turned aboard ships in Massachusetts waters or
8 at shore oil terminals until after the time and location of such
9 valve-turning has been entered in an official log. Said log is
10 to be open for inspection by public officials and is not to be
11 destroyed except after the passage of one year from the date
12 of entry.

13 The owner of any tankers or terminals which fail to log
14 valve-turnings as required in the foregoing paragraph shall be
15 subject to a fine of up to one thousand dollars for each failure
16 to so record.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 42 the following new
3 section:—

4 *Section 42A.* Any vessel entering the harbors of the com-
5 monwealth for the discharge of any petroleum products shall
6 first post a bond in the amount of five thousand dollars with

7 the division of water pollution control. The bond is not to be
8 released by said division until the vessel has cleared the
9 waters of the commonwealth, and has been certified by the
10 division not to have contributed to the pollution of said
11 waters.

12 If such vessel has in fact polluted the waters of the
13 commonwealth then the bond shall be forfeited to the extent
14 of the costs of cleaning up any spilled oil; the damages to any
15 beaches, shell-fish areas or other property of the common-
16 wealth and any fines that may have been assessed against the
17 vessel, its officers or crew.