

By Mr. Sisitsky, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 847) of Alan D. Sisitsky for legislation to establish an environmental impact center within the Massachusetts Science and Technology Foundation. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CENTER WITHIN THE MASSACHUSETTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL FOUNDATION.

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. There shall be in the Massachusetts Science and
2 Technology Foundation, as created and established in accord-
3 ance with Chapter 843 of the Acts of 1969, an Environmental
4 Impact Center which shall be under the control and direction
5 of the Board of Governors of said Foundation.

6 The Environmental Impact Center shall provide advice and
7 assist each agency, department, board, commission and au-
8 thority of the Commonwealth and any political subdivision
9 thereof by: —

10 (1) Compiling and maintaining a current list of qualified
11 experts competent and available to undertake and prepare en-
12 vironmental impact studies, reports and statements or portions
13 thereof as specified and defined in Section 61 and Section 62
14 of Chapter 30 of the General Laws;

15 (2) Developing guidelines and procedures for the prepara-
16 tion of such environmental impact studies, reports and state-
17 ments;

18 (3) Making agreements with such agencies, departments,
19 boards, commissions and authorities for the undertaking by
20 the Environmental Impact Center for (1) the preparation of
21 such environmental impact studies, reports and statements,
22 (2) the administration or monitoring of such environmental
23 impact studies, reports and statements to be prepared under

24 contract between designated experts and consultants and such
25 agencies, departments, boards, commissions and authorities,
26 and (3) the design and preparation of detailed contract speci-
27 fications for work to be undertaken by designated experts and
28 other consultants under contract in undertaking such environ-
29 mental impact studies, reports and statements; and

30 (4) To charge such reasonable fees and expenses for the
31 foregoing services as shall be sufficient to reimburse the En-
32 vironmental Impact Center for the entire cost of providing
33 such services to any such agency, department, board, commis-
34 sion or authority.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 62, the following:

3 *Section 63.* No agency, department, board, commission or
4 authority of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision
5 thereof shall undertake to prepare or contract for expert ser-
6 vices for assistance in preparing an environmental impact
7 report or statement in accordance with the provisions of Sec-
8 tion 61 or Section 62 of this Chapter, until the detailed specifi-
9 cations as to the proposed design, scope, content and technical
10 methodology of any such study or report or statement, and
11 the qualifications of any employee, technical experts or con-
12 sultants proposed to undertake and prepare such study, report
13 or statement, has first been submitted to and has been ap-
14 proved by the Environmental Impact Center of the Massachu-
15 setts Science and Technology Foundation.

16 *Section 64.* With the approval of the Secretary for Environ-
17 mental Affairs, the Environmental Impact Center of the
18 Massachusetts Science and Technology Foundation may elect
19 to assume responsibility for either or both the preparation or
20 the monitoring or contract administration of any study, or
21 environmental impact report or statement required to be un-
22 dertaken in accordance with Section 61 or Section 62 of this
23 Chapter or of the Natural Environmental Policy Act, Public
24 Law 91-190 and amendments thereto.

25 In the case of any such election of responsibility by the
26 Environmental Impact Center, the entire cost and expense of

27 providing such services shall be paid out of funds available for
28 the purpose of design or of planning or performing the work,
29 activities or projects which require the preparation of such
30 environmental impact studies, reports and statements; pro-
31 vided, however, that nothing herein or in any other provision
32 of law shall operate to prevent the Environmental Impact Cen-
33 ter from expending such funds as may become available
34 through appropriation, or by grant or gift from any source,
35 public or private, for the purposes of this section or for any
36 purpose reasonably related to the responsibilities of the En-
37 vironmental Impact Center as specified herein or in any other
38 General or Special law.

The following are the results of the work done during the year 1942. The program of work on the subject of the structure of the nucleus of the atom was continued. The results of the work done during the year 1942 are given in the following report. The work done during the year 1942 was of a preliminary nature and the results are given in the following report. The work done during the year 1942 was of a preliminary nature and the results are given in the following report. The work done during the year 1942 was of a preliminary nature and the results are given in the following report.

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