

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to regulate emission standards of wood and coal burning devices. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AIR QUALITY.

1 *Whereas*, The use of wood burning stoves has been encouraged
2 by state and federal governments because wood is an economical
3 and renewable resource; and

4 *Whereas*, Wood burning has been recognized as a major source
5 of air pollution in several areas of Massachusetts; and

6 *Whereas*, It is in the public interest to manage wood stove
7 emissions and to protect the quality of our air; therefore,

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, all woodstoves, coalstoves and "stove-like" fireplace
3 inserts sold or used in the Commonwealth must meet an emission
4 performance standard established by the department of environ-
5 mental quality engineering.

1 SECTION 2. The department of environmental quality engi-
2 neering is hereby directed to promulgate regulations concerning
3 performance and emissions standards for all wood and coal burn-
4 ing devices.

1 SECTION 3. Any individual, company or non-profit organi-
2 zation that installs or uses a woodstove, coalstove or "stove-like"

3 fireplace insert that does not meet the emission performance
 4 standard as set forth by the department of environmental quality
 5 engineering shall be subject to the fines and penalties established
 6 by said department.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1987.