

By Mr. Constantino of Clinton, petition of William Constantino, Jr., for legislation to establish regulations relative to private water supplies. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES.

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. Whereas, protecting the public health, promoting
2 the general welfare, and providing for consumer protection
3 requires that the quality of the Commonwealth's ground water
4 not be impaired and whereas, over 400,000 Massachusetts
5 residents rely on private or site wells for drinking water plus an
6 annual reporting of over 6000 wells newly constructed, and
7 whereas, the quality of the Commonwealth's ground water
8 resources must be protected from impairment by inadequately
9 constructed defective or improperly abandoned water wells or
10 improperly installed pumps and supporting accessories and

11 Whereas, to provide for protection requires that the
12 Commonwealth establish standards for location, construction or
13 abandonment of all private water supplies and the equipment to
14 present the water for human consumption.

15 Section 2. The Secretary of the executive office of Environ-
16 mental Affairs shall establish and promulgate regulations and
17 standards setting forth minimum requirements for construction
18 of private water supplies as well as the abandonment of the same
19 and installation and removal of pumping equipment and
20 accessories.

21 Section 3. The process for developing these standards shall
22 provide for wide participation by interested state agencies, local
23 boards of health, The Massachusetts Water Well Association,

24 other organizations and public citizens concerned with all matters
25 pertaining to private water supplies and that these regulations
26 shall be completed and approved by the Massachusetts Water
27 Resources Commission and be effective within six months of the
28 passage of this legislation.