

SENATE No. 1549

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 14, 1991.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 896) of Richard R. Tisei for legislation to require the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to reimburse cities and towns for certain water purification work, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1549).

For the committee,

ROBERT A. DURAND.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WATER COMMUNITY REIMBURSEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Subsection (d) of Section 8 of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —
3 The Authority shall reimburse any community serviced by the
4 waterworks division of the Authority for the cost incurred in
5 carrying out measures ordered by the Department of Environmen-
6 tal Protection to remedy total coliform level violations in their
7 water distribution systems, for up to \$10,000 per community per
8 calendar year, if it is determined by the Waterworks Division
9 Director, and approved by the Executive Director, that there is
10 a strong likelihood that activities conducted by the Authority in
11 its system contributed to the cause of the total coliform level
12 violation in the water distribution system. Such determination
13 shall not be considered an assumption of any liabilities by the
14 Authority.