

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition of Patricia A. Walrath and other members of the General Court relative to establishing an interagency coordinating council to address issues of interagency responsibility for public health and consumer protection concerning indoor air pollution and other threats. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF INTERAGENCY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION CONCERNING INDOOR AIR POLLUTION AND OTHER THREATS.

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

- 1 That there be established an Interagency Coordinating Council.
- 2 The Council will address issues of interagency responsibility for
- 3 public health and consumer protection concerning indoor air
- 4 pollution and other threats. The Council shall be charged with
- 5 defining appropriate Massachusetts actions for prevention and
- 6 remediation of such threats.
- 7 Such Council shall meet on a regular basis, at least twice a year.
- 8 Because of the inter-relationship of outdoor and indoor pollution
- 9 and to protect public health and ensure safe working conditions,
- 10 and prevent fraud, the Council shall include Commissioners of
- 11 the Department of Public Health, which shall be the Chair of the
- 12 Council, the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering,
- 13 the Department of Labor and Industries, the Building Code
- 14 Commission, and the Secretaries of the Office of Consumer
- 15 Affairs and the Executive Office of Energy Resources.
- 16 The Council's purpose shall include, but not be limited to the
- 17 following:
  - 18 a) to establish interagency work groups on specific issues;

- 19 b) to designate lead agencies for implementing necessary  
20 programs, including distribution of public information;
- 21 c) to discuss, and set procedures for developing appropriate  
22 monitoring methods and reporting;
- 23 d) establish procedures for defining health risks as they relate  
24 to indoor air contaminants and the protection of public health  
25 in the Commonwealth;
- 26 e) to coordinate and prepare recommendations on other  
27 actions and activities related to indoor air pollution to ensure  
28 effective use and sharing to state resources in protecting public  
29 health and welfare.