

HOUSE No. 3548

By Mr. Herren of Fall River, petition of Albert Herren for legislation to require the distribution of thyroid-blocking agents to help protect citizens from radioactive emissions. Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THYROID-BLOCKING AGENTS TO HELP PROTECT CITIZENS FROM RADIOACTIVE EMISSIONS.

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

- 1 The department of public health shall distribute thyroid-
- 2 blocking agents approved by the Federal Drug Administration to
- 3 every person in each residence and place of business within the
- 4 nuclear power plant area designated by section twenty-four of
- 5 chapter seven hundred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen
- 6 hundred and seventy-nine as amended. The department shall
- 7 develop and issue appropriate instructions with each container of
- 8 thyroid-blocking agent distributed for usage during serious
- 9 accidents at nuclear power plants.
- 10 The operators of nuclear power plants shall be assessed charges
- 11 to recover all of the expenses to the department incurred from
- 12 the implementation of this section pursuant to section eighteen
- 13 of chapter twenty-five. The commissioner shall determine these
- 14 costs and report annually to the department of public utilities.

