

HOUSE No. 3514

By Messrs. Segal of Danvers and Harrington of Salem, petition of Jerome A. Segal, Michael J. Harrington and John R. Buckley for legislation to establish a certification board for personnel of water works and waste disposal facilities. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR PERSONNEL OF WATER WORKS AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 160A the following sec-
3 tions:—

4 *Section 160B.* The department of public health shall estab-
5 lish a certification board for personnel of water works and waste
6 water disposal facilities and shall administer a program to en-
7 courage the development of a higher professional status of per-
8 sonnel in the water works field and waste water disposal field
9 and to improve the management, operation and maintenance of
10 water and waste water systems. For the purposes of this section
11 and section one hundred and sixty C, the following terms are
12 defined as follows:—

13 1. *Certificate.*— A certificate of competency issued by the cer-
14 tification board for personnel of water works and waste water
15 disposal facilities.

16 2. *Operator.*— (a) Any person who, during the performance
17 of his regular duties, exercises individual judgment by which

18 either directly or indirectly the safety, quality, and quantity of
19 water delivered from the water works system might be affected.

20 (b) Any person who, during the performance of his regular
21 duties, exercises individual judgment in the operation of waste
22 water pumping stations and in the treatment and disposal of
23 domestic and industrial waste waters.

24 3. *Board.* — The certification board for personnel of water
25 works and waste water disposal facilities.

26 4. *Water Works.* — The works and auxiliaries pertaining to
27 the source of supply, collection, treatment, storage, pumping,
28 and distribution of the water from the source to the free-flowing
29 outlet of the ultimate consumer.

30 5. *Waste Water Disposal Facilities.* — The facilities pertain-
31 ing to the pumping and treatment of domestic and industrial
32 waste waters.

33 *Section 160C.* The board shall be appointed by the commis-
34 sioner and shall be composed of six members. Of these, one shall
35 be a faculty member of the University of Massachusetts, one a
36 qualified staff member of the division of sanitary engineering of
37 the department of public health, one a qualified staff member of
38 the division of water pollution control of the Water Resources
39 Commission. One qualified staff member of the engineering
40 division of the department of public utilities, one member shall
41 be appointed from a list of qualified water works operators in
42 Massachusetts which has been approved by the executive com-
43 mittee of the Massachusetts Water Works Association, and the
44 remaining member shall be appointed from a list of qualified
45 operators of waste water disposal facilities in Massachusetts
46 which has been approved by the executive committee of the
47 New England Water Pollution Control Association. To insure
48 continuity in office, members of the board shall be appointed to
49 serve so that no more than two will have their terms of office
50 terminate in any one year. Vacancies occurring in the board
51 membership shall be filled by the commissioner.

52 *Section 160D.* The board shall determine the qualifications
53 of operators, conduct certification examinations and investiga-
54 tions and maintain records. It is authorized to issue, renew or
55 revoke certificates, and to adopt rules and regulations in ac-
56 cordance with chapter thirty A of the General Laws.

57 *Section 160E.* The fee for the original certificate of com-

58 petency shall be at the rate of three dollars for twelve months
59 and any renewal thereof three dollars.

1 SECTION 2. At any time within one year after July first,
2 nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, upon due application there-
3 for, the board shall issue a certificate to any water works op-
4 erator or waste water treatment operator who shall submit under
5 oath satisfactory to said board that he is of good character and
6 was employed by a public water supply utility or waste water
7 disposal plant in Massachusetts on July first, nineteen hundred
8 and sixty-seven, and has performed work of a character satis-
9 factory to the board.

