

HOUSE No. 4304

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson, Mary Jeanette Murray, Thomas G. Palumbo, John C. Bradford, Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., and Charles N. Decas relative to the establishment of watershed management in the Bureau of Forest Development. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT IN THE BUREAU OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT.

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 4F of Chapter 21 of the General Laws as added by
2 Chapter 631 of the Acts of 1953 is hereby deleted, and inserted
3 in place thereof the following section:

4 *Section 4F.* The bureau of forest development shall under the
5 supervision of the director, with the approval of the commissioner
6 perform such duties in respect to forest management practices,
7 reforestation, development or management of forests or wooded
8 areas under the control of the department, including but not
9 limited to tree thinning and other forest management work on
10 watershed land which increases water yield and quality as well as
11 creating income from timber in areas which are part of the Metro-
12 politan District Commission or municipal watersheds. It shall be
13 responsible for such other duties as are now vested in the Division
14 of Forestry by any general or specific law including the providing of
15 technical information and assistance to municipalities.

