

By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine for legislation to further regulate the sale of detergents containing phosphates. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE OF DETERGENTS CONTAINING PHOSPHATES.

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 21 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 27 the following section:—

3 *Section 27A.* The maximum permissible concentration of
4 prescribed phosphate compounds in laundry and cleaning
5 products, excluding products used in automatic dish washing
6 machines, such as pre-soaks and detergents, shall be eight and
7 seven tenths per cent by weight expressed as elemental
8 phosphorus. Any such products being sold, offered for sale or
9 used in violation of this section shall be confiscated and
10 impounded without payment therefor and delivered to the
11 division for disposal by the written authority of the court. The
12 superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the
13 provisions of this section on the petition of the attorney general,
14 members of the state police natural resources officers, officers of
15 the metropolitan district commission, city or town health
16 officers and city or town police.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section twenty-seven A of
2 chapter twenty-one of the General Laws, inserted by section one
3 of this act, shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred
4 and seventy-six.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1903.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

ON FEBRUARY 11, 1903, CONCERNING THE

LANDS BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES

AND THE PROCEEDINGS THEREON