

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus, petition of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Steven Angelo, Mary S. Rogeness, Walter A. DeFilippi, Brian P. Lees and Michael R. Knapik that the Department of Environmental Protection be required to provide fair and equitable reimbursement to industries in the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT TO MASSACHUSETTS' INDUSTRY.

*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 19 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out subsection (D) and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following subsection: —  
4 (D). On or before November 1, 1995, and annually thereafter,  
5 the council shall by regulation adjust the toxics use fee as set forth  
6 in this paragraph. The council shall adjust the base fees, additional  
7 amount per chemical reported, and maximum fees in direct pro-  
8 portion, to result in a projected aggregate target assessment, which  
9 shall be two million dollars increased by a proportion equal to any  
10 increase in the Producer Price Index between July 1, 1994 and  
11 July 1, 1995. The base fees, additional amount per chemical, and  
12 maximum fees shall be adjusted annually thereafter to reflect  
13 changes in the Producer Price Index for the previous fiscal year.  
14 The department shall annually on or before April 1 publish in the  
15 Massachusetts register the adjustments to be made for that year.

