

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus, petition of Steven Angelo, Robert A. Durand and Pamela P. Resor for legislation to protect the environment by ensuring the proper disposal of low-level radioactive waste. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ENSURING THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

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. Section 1 of Chapter 111H of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking the twenty-sixth paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 “Low-level radioactive waste,” radioactive material that (1) is
5 neither high-level waste, nor spent nuclear fuel, nor by-product
6 material as defined in section 11(e)(2) of the Atomic Energy Act
7 of 1954, as amended, 42 USC Section 2014(e); and (2) was classi-
8 fied by the Federal government as low-level radioactive waste as
9 of the effective date of this chapter, but not including waste which
10 remains a federal responsibility, as designated in section 3(b) of
11 the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, as in effect as of the
12 effective date of this chapter, as amended, 42 USC Section
13 2021c(b),.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12(a) of Chapter 111H of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by replacing the period, at the end of the
3 second sentence thereof with a semi-colon and inserting the
4 following: — provided, however, that, in order to limit uncer-
5 tainty about projected generation of low-level radioactive waste
6 and the necessary scale of any facility to be developed pursuant to
7 this chapter; to ensure the financial integrity of such facility and

8 to allocate space within it; and to manage the commonwealth's
9 exposure to the contingent liabilities established in section nine,
10 such plan shall prohibit disposal in the commonwealth of low-
11 level radioactive waste except at such facility, unless such dis-
12 posal was authorized by law as of the effective date of this
13 chapter.