

SENATE. No. 1726

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1726) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to clarify the payment to municipalities for watershed-regulated land. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR LAND REGULATED BY CHAPTER 92, SECTION 107A.

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 5H of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 (1992 Edition) is hereby amended by striking said section and
3 inserting in its place the following section:—
4 Section 5H. The commonwealth shall each year pay, as part of
5 the local aid distribution, to each municipality in which land regu-
6 lated under section one hundred and seven A of Chapter ninety-
7 two is located, and which is not held by the division or by the
8 Authority, the difference between the current assessment for such
9 year and the assessment of such land, not taking into considera-
10 tion the effect of said section. Land regulated under section one
11 hundred and seven A of chapter ninety-two is defined as land
12 which has been determined by the Metropolitan District
13 Commission to be affected by such section and which has been
14 further determined by the Metropolitan District Commission to be
15 affected by such section and which has been further determined
16 by the Metropolitan District Commission to be unlikely to be eli-
17 gible for a variance under Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1992.
18 Payments made under this section shall be based upon information
19 submitted to the commonwealth by municipalities, detailing the
20 adjustments made by said municipalities, in accordance with pro-
21 cedures developed by the Department of Revenue.

