

By Ms. Murray, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 575) of Therese Murray, Stephen F. Lynch, Bruce E. Tarr and Thomas J. O'Brien for legislation to establish the office of indoor air quality. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 17 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A the  
3 following section:—

4 Section 4B. (a) There shall be in the department an office of  
5 indoor air quality which shall have the primary responsibility for  
6 evaluating the public health effects of indoor air quality in public  
7 schools, including but not limited to schools which are situated on  
8 Brownfield's properties. The office shall coordinate investigations  
9 concerning complaints about indoor air quality with municipali-  
10 ties, including boards of health and school officials. The office  
11 shall have the right to enter public school buildings to investigate  
12 causes of health problems after it provides notice to the appro-  
13 priate municipal officer. Funds to implement this program shall be  
14 made available subject to annual appropriation. The department  
15 shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions  
16 of this section.

17 (b) The office of indoor air quality shall also be authorized to  
18 inspect buildings used by government authorities, departments,  
19 agencies, divisions or offices that are redeveloped Brownfield's  
20 properties, and to evaluate the public health effects of indoor air  
21 quality in such buildings.

