

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition of Patricia A. Walrath and other members of the General Court relative to establishing an interagency coordinating council to address issues of interagency responsibility for public health and consumer protection concerning indoor air pollution and other threats. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF INTERAGENCY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION CONCERNING INDOOR AIR POLLUTION AND OTHER THREATS.

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

1 That there be established an Interagency Coordinating Council.
2 The Council will address issues of interagency responsibility for
3 public health and consumer protection concerning indoor air pol-
4 lution and other threats. The Council shall be charged with
5 defining appropriate Massachusetts actions for prevention and
6 remediation of such threats.

7 Such Council shall meet on a regular basis, at least twice a
8 year. Because of the inter-relationship of outdoor and indoor pol-
9 lution and to protect public health and ensure safe working condi-
10 tions, and prevent fraud, the Council shall include Commissioners
11 of the Department of Public Health, which shall be the Chair of
12 the Council, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
13 Department of Labor and Industries, the Building Code
14 Commission, and the Secretaries of the Office of Consumer
15 Affairs and the Executive Office of Energy Resources.

16 The Council's purpose shall include, but not be limited to the
17 following:

- 18 a) to establish interagency work groups on specific issues;
- 19 b) to designate lead agencies for implementing necessary
20 programs, including distribution of public information;

- 21 c) to discuss, and set procedures for developing appropriate
22 monitoring methods and reporting;
- 23 d) establish procedures for defining health risks as they relate
24 to indoor air contaminants and the protection of public health in
25 the Commonwealth;
- 26 e) to coordinate and prepare recommendations on other actions
27 and activities related to indoor air pollution to ensure effective use
28 and sharing of state resources in protecting public health and
29 welfare.