

By Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, petition of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a lighthouse preservation fund under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION FUND.

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. Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 27D the following section: —

3 Section 27E. The commission shall develop a lighthouse
4 preservation program. Said commission shall make grants from
5 funds in the Lighthouse Preservation Fund under the provisions of
6 section sixty of chapter ten to organizations seeking to preserve a
7 lighthouse under the following conditions:

- 8 (a) organization must make written application;
- 9 (b) application shall identify project and proposed work;
- 10 (c) organization must be owner of the lighthouse;
- 11 (d) no grant shall exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

12 Awards shall be by vote of the commission and grantee may
13 receive support service from other state agencies.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 Section 60. There is hereby established on the books of the
4 commonwealth the Lighthouse Preservation Fund. Said fund shall
5 consist of monies paid to the commonwealth for lighthouse
6 emblem plates under the provisions of section two of chapter
7 ninety. The state treasurer shall be custodian of said fund and shall
8 receive, deposit and invest all monies transmitted to him under the
9 provisions of this section and shall credit interest and earnings on

10 said fund to said fund. The treasurer shall make such monies
11 available to the Massachusetts historical commission for the pur-
12 pose of its lighthouse preservation program under the provisions
13 of section twenty-seven D of chapter nine.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 390 of chapter 110 of the acts of 1993, is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the eighth paragraph the fol-
4 lowing paragraph: —

5 The registrar shall make available to owners of private passen-
6 ger motor vehicles distinctive number plates which shall display
7 on the face a lighthouse. There shall be a forty dollar fee for said
8 plate in addition to the established registration fee for passenger
9 motor vehicles, that portion of said fee remaining after the deduc-
10 tion of cost directly attributable to issuing said plate shall be
11 transferred to the Lighthouse Preservation Fund established under
12 the provisions of section sixty of chapter ten.