

HOUSE No. 1899

By Mr. Goyette of New Bedford, petition of Roger R. Goyette, Richard R. Silva, Robert W. Gillette and Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., for an investigation and study by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and the Division of Marine Fisheries relative to the advisability of maintaining existing shellfish purification plants and also the feasibility of locating additional plants along the coastline of the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENGINEERING AND THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES RELATIVE TO THE ADVISABILITY OF MAINTAINING EXISTING SHELLFISH PURIFICATION PLANTS AND ALSO THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING ADDITIONAL PLANTS ALONG THE MASSACHUSETTS COASTLINE.

- 1 *Resolve*, That the department of environmental quality engi-
- 2 neering in conjunction with the division of marine fisheries is
- 3 hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study
- 4 relative to the advisability of maintaining the existing shellfish
- 5 purification plant and also the feasibility of locating additional
- 6 shellfish purification plants along the Massachusetts coastline. The
- 7 criteria to be used by the department in determining the future
- 8 location of such plants shall be geographical suitability and prox-
- 9 imity to harvesting areas, number of commercial shellfishermen in
- 10 the area, and volume of present shellfish production and its eco-
- 11 nomic impact on each locality.
- 12 Said department shall enlist the aid of the shellfish officers in
- 13 each coastal city and town, conservation commissions, and any
- 14 other relevant group.
- 15 Said department shall report to the General Court the results of
- 16 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, to-

17 gether with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to carry
18 such recommendation into effect by filing the same with the clerk
19 of the House of Representatives on or before the first Wednesday
20 of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.