

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of Melvin H. King that provision be made for assistance to certain cities and towns for park and recreation development purposes. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

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AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS FOR  
PARK AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

*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 132A of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
2 ing after Section 11D the following new section: —

3 *Section 11E.* The Secretary of Environmental Affairs shall es-  
4 tablish a program to assist all cities in the Commonwealth and all  
5 towns with a population in excess of thirty-five thousand inhabit-  
6 ants, which have established park or recreation commissions and  
7 conservation commissions under Section 8C of Chapter Forty of  
8 the General Laws, in developing lands for municipal parks and  
9 recreation purposes. The Secretary may, from funds appropriated  
10 reimburse any such city or town for money expended by it in  
11 developing new outdoor recreation facilities on previously ac-  
12 quired land. Such development reimbursement shall not exceed  
13 thirty percent of such money expended and may be approved only  
14 when a project is, at the same time, receiving assistance under the  
15 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (P.L. 88-578). No  
16 reimbursement of any kind shall be made under this section unless  
17 an application, setting forth such plans and information as the  
18 Secretary may require, has been filed by the city or town and has  
19 been approved by the Secretary; until such city or town has ap-  
20 propriated or transferred from available funds an amount equal to  
21 the total cost of the project; and until the project has been complet-  
22 ed to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in accordance with the

23 approved plans. Any reimbursement received by a city or town  
24 under this section shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness,  
25 if any, incurred in such development. The director of conservation  
26 services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental  
27 Management shall establish rules and regulations for the manage-  
28 ment of this program, subject to the approval of the Secretary.