

By Mr. Roche of Springfield, petition of Richard P. Roche, other members of the General Court and others for legislation to establish a conservation mobilization board for the purpose of identifying barriers to the conservation of energy resources. Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION MOBILIZATION BOARD.

*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. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Com-  
2 monwealth to encourage all reasonable means of conserving scarce  
3 and expensive supplies of energy, especially fossil fuels, and to  
4 encourage citizens and businesses to work cooperatively with local  
5 and state governmental bodies to achieve these goals.

6 There is hereby created a Commission, to be known as the  
7 Conservation Mobilization Board, to help identify barriers to the  
8 conservation of energy resources to provide a visible focus for  
9 citizens, businesses and others who live or work in the Common-  
10 weath in the common pursuit of a sound economy and the mini-  
11 mization of consumption of fossil fuels.

1 SECTION 2. The Conservation Mobilization Board ("the  
2 Board") shall consist of nine members, none of whom shall receive  
3 a stipend or remuneration except that members can, if they so  
4 desire, be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the journey to  
5 meetings of the Board.

6 The nine members of the Board shall be chosen as follows: one to  
7 be chosen jointly by the Deans of the several schools of Civil  
8 Engineering in the Commonwealth, one to be chosen by the Gover-  
9 nor of the Commonwealth, one to be chosen by the Lieutenant-  
10 Governor of the Commonwealth, one to be chosen by the Secre-

11 tary of State of the Commonwealth, one to be chosen by the  
12 President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, one to  
13 be chosen by the President of the Senate to represent bona-fide  
14 consumer groups in Massachusetts, one to be chosen by the Speak-  
15 er of the House to represent widely-recognized environmental  
16 organizations in the Commonwealth, one to be chosen by the  
17 Secretary of Energy Resources of the Commonwealth to represent  
18 energy businesses and service companies and one to be chosen  
19 jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House  
20 who shall be a member of the Massachusetts General Court.

21 Board members shall be chosen among persons who have dem-  
22 onstrated a commitment to energy conservation, a knowledge of  
23 the energy problems which face this Commonwealth and a desire  
24 to aggressively promote efficient utilization of resources and in-  
25 spire widespread public compliance with state conservation poli-  
26 cies, both statutory and voluntary.

1 SECTION 3. In order to help board members achieve the goals  
2 of the Conservation Mobilization Board there is hereby appropri-  
3 ated \$100,000 to hire a staff director, conservation analysts, public-  
4 ity directors and secretarial staff to aid the Board.

1 SECTION 4. The Board shall make recommendations to the  
2 General Court and to town and city governmental bodies for  
3 legislation to remove barriers to energy conservation and promote  
4 decreased consumption in keeping with the following guidelines:

5 1) The Board shall support abolishment of all institutional  
6 advertising designed to promote consumption of electricity, fossil  
7 fuels and other energy resources.

8 2) The Board shall identify and recommend the abolition of any  
9 laws, ordinances or regulations of the Commonwealth, its agencies  
10 and officers that serve to impede reasonable means of the conserva-  
11 tion of energy.

12 3) The Board shall identify and recommend the abolition of any  
13 laws, ordinances or regulations of the 351 cities and towns of the  
14 Commonwealth, their agencies and officers, which impede reason-  
15 able energy conservation measures and do not serve to further any  
16 sound public policy goals.

17 4) The Board shall identify profligate users of energy for out-  
18 door displays which do not serve an appropriate commercial or  
19 other public purpose and seek to encourage these users to reduce  
20 their energy consumption and recommend action by appropriate  
21 state and federal agencies if voluntary compliance is not forth-  
22 coming within a reasonable period of time.

23 5) The Board shall identify major energy users in the Common-  
24 wealth who have not sought to implement sound conservation  
25 measures which tend not only to conserve energy but to be ex-  
26 tremely cost-effective and to work with said major users to design  
27 and implement energy conservation measures.

28 6) The Board shall work with the Executive Office of Energy  
29 Resources, the Federal Department of Energy, the Northeast Solar  
30 Energy Center, the New England Energy Congress, the New Eng-  
31 land Regional Commission, the major electric, gas and other util-  
32 ities in the Commonwealth, local energy conservation commis-  
33 sions and other public and private organizations and associations  
34 in order to develop strategies to accomplish the purposes of this  
35 legislation. The Board shall seek to publicize proven energy conser-  
36 vation measures and to develop strong public support for energy  
37 conservation.

38 7) The Board shall aid in the establishment of local, state,  
39 regional and national conservation plans.

1 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the  
2 Board shall function as a liaison among the many public agencies  
3 seeking to promote energy conservation.

1 SECTION 6. The Board shall issue a report to the Governor  
2 and to the General Court each year which shall detail its activities  
3 and outline the programs it chooses to pursue.

1 SECTION 7. The Board shall establish such rules of govern-  
2 ance as it deems necessary, provided that all decisions shall be  
3 passed by affirmative votes of a majority of the members present  
4 and that the Board shall make no rules, internal or external, which  
5 would tend to discourage democratic participation and control nor  
6 the constitutional rights of the citizens of this Commonwealth.

- 1 SECTION 8. The Board shall issue its first report to the Gover-
- 2 nor and the General Court no later than November 30, 1980.