

By Mr. O'Farrell of Malden, petition of Arthur E. Hammar and George H. O'Farrell that provision be made for a time limit in which boards of health must act on applications for approval of sewage disposal systems for residential buildings with accommodations for not more than four families. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING A TIME LIMIT WITHIN WHICH A BOARD OF HEALTH MUST ACT ON AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR FAMILIES.

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 111 of the General Laws is amended by inserting,
2 after section 26E, the following section: —
3 *Section 26F.* The officer or board charged with the duty of
4 issuing permits for the construction or use of a sewage disposal
5 system serving any building within the limits of a city, town or
6 district shall, within seven days of the receipt of an application
7 for a permit for such construction or use pertaining to a resi-
8 dential building with accommodations for not more than four
9 families, issue or refuse to issue such permit and notify the
10 applicant in writing of such decision. If such officer or board
11 refuses to issue such permit, written notification of such decision
12 shall be delivered to the applicant in person or sent by registered
13 or certified mail to him at the address given in the application
14 and shall set forth clearly and in detail all the reasons for such
15 refusal, including all particulars wherein the application and
16 proposed work fail to comply with existing law. If such officer
17 or board fails within said seven days to act on such application,
18 such permit shall be deemed to have been issued; provided, that
19 the applicant shall file with the city or town clerk, within four-
20 teen days of the date on which the application was filed, a notice
21 of failure of such officer or board to act on such application.

