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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1969.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4469) of Harry A. S. Read that the Division of Water Resources be required to encourage techniques of eliminating spilled oil for the protection of marine life in certain waters, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 4962).

For the committee,

ROBERT WETMORE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR CURBING OIL POLLUTION OF MASSACHUSETTS WATERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as  
follows:*

1 Clause (10) of section 27 of chapter 21 of the General  
2 Laws, as added by section 27 of chapter 648 of the acts of  
3 1968, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph  
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 Notwithstanding any provision of general or special law to  
6 the contrary, the division shall ensure that the elimination or  
7 recovery of spilled oil by any person is carried out in a safe  
8 and effective manner. Chemicals which are harmful to marine  
9 and fresh-water life shall not be used in the clean-up  
10 operation of oil spills unless their use has been authorized by  
11 the division. If public water supplies or public shellfish beds  
12 are affected, authorization of use of such chemicals is con-  
13 tingent on approval by the Department of Public Health.  
14 Whoever fails to conform to the above shall be subject to the  
15 penalties set forth in Section 42 of this chapter.