

# HOUSE . . . . . No 6094

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 29, 1978.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6010) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., that barges containing fuel oil, natural gas, or other petroleum products when traveling through the Cape Cod Canal be required to use two tug boats to accompany and assist such barges, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6094) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RICHARD J. DWINELL

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF TWO TUG BOATS TO ACCOMPANY BARGES CONTAINING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES INCLUDING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS WHEN TRAVELING THROUGH CERTAIN WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to alleviate the causes of pollution within the  
3 Cape Cod Canal, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
4 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
5 convenience.

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

4     Chapter 103 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
5 after section 35, the following section:

6     *Section 36.* Whenever a barge containing a bulk cargo of any  
7 hazardous, liquid or solid substance which shall include but not be  
8 limited to fuel oil, gasoline, liquified natural gas or any toxic  
9 chemical, enters the waters of the Commonwealth described in the  
10 following sentence, it shall be accompanied by no less than two  
11 tugboats. The waters of the Commonwealth subject to this  
12 requirement shall be those in Buzzards Bay, the Cape Cod Canal  
13 and the approaches to the Canal in Cape Cod Bay north of a line  
14 drawn from Wilbur Point, Sconticut Neck, located in Fairhaven to  
15 the Red number 10 gong in the center of Buzzards Bay to the  
16 northernmost point of land forming the entrance to Quinsset  
17 Harbor located in Falmouth to a line drawn across the approaches  
18 to the Cape Cod Canal in Cape Cod Bay at the number 1 bell. This  
19 requirement shall only apply from November first through March  
20 thirty-first in each year.