

HOUSE No. 5325

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 23, 1972.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2700) of Ronald A. Pina for legislation to further define a cause of action for the purpose of protecting the natural resources and environment of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3201) of Francis W. Hatch, Jr., Robert D. Wetmore, John S. Ames, III, Richard J. Dwinell and Alan D. Sisitsky for making certain changes in the law establishing a cause of action in behalf of certain persons and political subdivisions for the purpose of protecting the natural resources and environment of the Commonwealth; and the petition of David M. Bartley (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3577) of David M. Bartley for legislation to clarify the meaning of the word "person" in the law establishing a cause of action in behalf of certain persons and political subdivisions for the purpose of protecting the natural resources and environment of the Commonwealth, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5325) ought to pass.

For the committee,

STEVE T. CHMURA

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF THE WORD "PERSON" IN THE LAW ESTABLISHING A CAUSE OF ACTION IN BEHALF OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

Section 10A of chapter 214 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph, the following paragraph: —

"Person" shall mean any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the commonwealth or political subdivision thereof, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, or any other legal entity or its legal representatives, agents or assigns.