

By Mr. Keating of Sharon, petition of William R. Keating for an investigation and study relative to water and related land use permits and processes within the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO WATER AND RELATED LAND USE PERMITS AND PROCESSES WITHIN 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:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the executive office of environmental affairs is hereby
3 authorized and directed to conduct a comprehensive investigation
4 and study of the rules and regulations relating to water and related
5 land use permit processes within the Commonwealth. Said study
6 shall encompass, but not be limited to, review of the following
7 provisions of the General Laws: section one hundred-five of chap-
8 ter one hundred-thirty; sections forty and forty A of chapter one
9 hundred-thirty-one; sections eighty through seventeen C, twenty-
10 seven, and forty-three of chapter twenty-one; section twelve of
11 chapter ninety-one; sections five G, seventeen, one hundred-sixty,
12 and one hundred-sixty A of chapter one hundred-eleven; section
13 one of chapter twenty-one A; chapter twenty-one C; sections sixty-
14 one and sixty-two through sixty-two H of chapter thirty; and
15 section twelve A of chapter ninety-one. The findings of said in-
16 vestigation and study shall be submitted in a report which shall
17 identify all potentially redundant or duplicative rules, regulations,
18 procedures or jurisdictional responsibilities of any local, state, or
19 federal agency, board, commission, council, or department re-
20 sponsible for review and issuance of permits affecting water and
21 related land use in the Commonwealth.

22 Said office shall include in its report recommendations to elimi-
23 nate all said redundancies or duplications and shall include such
24 legislative recommendations as are deemed necessary to accom-
25 plish that result. Said report shall be filed with the clerk of the
26 house of representatives within nine months from the date that this
27 act takes effect.