

By Mr. Forman of Plymouth, petition of Peter Forman and other members of the General Court that the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering be authorized to establish a program for the prevention of contamination of drinking water supplies from tetrachloroethylene. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE IN REPLACEMENT OF PIPES WITH TETRACHOROETHYLENE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286 of the Acts of 1982 is hereby amended
2 as follows: —
3 Section 1. In Section 14 by striking the words: “sixty million
4 dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words: “seventy-five
5 million dollars.”

1 SECTION 2. By inserting after Section 14A the following new
2 section: —
3 Section 14B. The department of environmental quality
4 engineering shall establish a program for the prevention of
5 contamination of drinking water supplies from tetrachloroethylene
6 (TCE). Such program shall provide for the testing of water quality
7 and shall identify communities with TCE contaminant levels
8 higher than the federal Suggested No Adverse Response Level
9 (SNARL). The department of environmental quality engineering
10 shall help communities take action which will eliminate or reduce
11 contaminant levels below the SNARL. Priority for replacement
12 of vinyl-lined asbestos cement pipes shall be given to those com-
13 munities where a water supply shortage, or potential for such
14 a shortage, exists and other remedial actions would cause an

15 unnecessary loss of water. Grants for replacement or construction
16 of pipes shall not exceed fifty percent of the total costs. For
17 purposes of this section there shall be made available a sum of
18 \$15 million from which no more than five percent shall be used
19 for administrative expenses.

1 SECTION 3. Section 22 is hereby amended by striking the
2 words: "three hundred and thirty-three million, two hundred and
3 fifty thousand dollars" and inserting in place the words "three
4 hundred and forty-eight million, two hundred and fifty thousand
5 dollars."