

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Richard T. Moore, Leo R. Corazzini, Marie-Louise Kehoe and another for legislation to provide for the orderly distribution of state publications. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORDERLY DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS.

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 5 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 6 the following section: —

3 *Section 6A.* Each state agency shall also provide two copies of
4 its publication, as defined in section thirty-nine of chapter six to
5 the state secretary, one of which shall be retained for two years as a
6 reference copy. The state secretary shall determine which publica-
7 tions are of sufficient public interest and may then either repro-
8 duce the publications in appropriate quantities or acquire the
9 publications in appropriate quantities directly from the issuing
10 agency, at the cost of printing, for distribution by said secretary.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 39 and inserting in place thereof the follow-
3 ing section: —

4 *Section 11.* As used in sections 39 to 39B inclusive, the follow-
5 ing words shall have the following meanings, unless the context
6 otherwise requires: —

7 “Agency”, each agency, office, state-supported institution of
8 higher education, department, authority, executive office, bureau,
9 officer, board, committee, task force, commission, special com-
10 mission, division, executive office of the commonwealth, whether
11 permanent or temporary in nature, including any state agency

12 supported wholly or in part by public funds. "Publication", any
13 document, study, rule, regulation, report, directory, pamphlet,
14 brochure, periodical, newsletter, bibliography, microphotogra-
15 phic form, tape or disc recording, annual, biennial or special
16 report, statistical compendium, or other printed material regard-
17 less of its format or manner of duplication, issued in the name of or
18 at the request of any agency of the commonwealth or produced
19 and issued as part of a contract entered into by any agency of the
20 commonwealth regardless of the source of funding, provided they
21 constitute "public records" as defined in clause twenty-sixth of
22 sections even of chapter four, excepting correspondence, blank
23 forms, and university press publications. "Regional public librar-
24 ies", those libraries as defined by section nineteen C of chapter
25 seventy-eight.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 39 and inserting in place thereof the follow-
3 ing new section: —

4 *Section 39A.* (1) In order that all state publications of the
5 commonwealth are preserved and made available for the use of
6 citizens of the state, the state library is hereby designated as the
7 depository library for Massachusetts state publications.

8 (2) The state library shall maintain a complete collection of
9 Massachusetts state publications, both current and historic.

10 (3) A depository library system, providing for the distribution
11 of state documents to the Library of Congress and to each of the
12 regional public libraries in the state shall be established and main-
13 tained by the state library.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 39A and inserting in place thereof the fol-
3 lowing new section: —

4 *Section 39B.* Each state agency shall furnish the state library
5 eight copies of its publications. Said copies shall be forwarded to
6 the state library no later than five working days after they are
7 received from the printer or contractor. The state library shall
8 make three copies available for public consultation in the library
9 and for permanent historic preservation by the library. The others
10 shall be provided to the Library of Congress and to each of the
11 state's regional public libraries.