

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00233**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Robert M. Koczera***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to reinstate the clean environment fund..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Robert M. Koczera*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*11th Bristol*

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By Mr. Robert M. Koczera of New Bedford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00233) of Robert M. Koczera to reinstate the Clean Environment Fund to reduce waste and protect the environment in the Commonwealth. Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 766 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to reinstate the clean environment fund..

*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 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:

3 Section 323G.

4 There shall be established on the books of the Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the  
5 Clean Environment Fund. All unredeemed bottle bill deposits collected pursuant to Chapter 94,  
6 sec. 323D shall be deposited into the Clean Environment Fund. Amounts deposited in said fund  
7 shall be used solely for programs and projects in the management of solid waste and for  
8 environmental protection.

9 Not less than sixty percent of amounts deposited in the Fund annually shall be used for creation  
10 and support of waste reduction, recycling and composting programs, outreach, infrastructure and  
11 market development in the public, private and institutional sectors, as set forth in the department  
12 of environmental protection's Solid Waste Management Plan: 2006 Revision

13 Not less than one percent of amounts deposited annually in the Fund shall be used by the Office  
14 of the State Auditor for the oversight of the bottle deposit law and Fund expenditures. Oversight  
15 activities shall include, but not limited to, the performance of onsite reviews to investigate  
16 fraudulent activities and illegal redemptions, the review of reports submitted by bottlers and  
17 distributors in accordance with Section 323B of Chapter 94 of the General Laws and the review  
18 of all expenditures from the Fund to determine whether said monies are being used for their  
19 intended purpose.

20 Remaining amounts deposited annually in the Fund shall be appropriated for capital  
21 improvements under the control of Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of  
22 Parks for construction that meets LEEDS building standards established by the U.S. Green  
23 Building Council

24 SECTION 2. Qualifying programs funded under Chapter 94, Section 323G (b) shall include but  
25 are not limited to:

26 municipal recycling and waste reduction program improvements, including unit-based pricing,  
27 single stream collection, composting, and public space recycling

28 municipal recycling equipment

29 school recycling and composting program establishment and improvements

30 commercial and institutional recycling and composting program establishment and  
31 improvements  
32 recycling service provider grants, low interest equipment loans and tax incentives  
33 recycling and waste reduction outreach and education – schools and the general public  
34 market development for recovered materials  
35 enforcement of Waste Bans (9310 CMR 19.017) by the Department of Environment Protection  
36 other activities as recommended by the department

37 SECTION 3. Section 323D of Chapter 94 is amended by inserting in place of the words “twenty  
38 three F” in line 8, the following words, twenty-three G.

39 SECTION 4. Section 3 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2004 Official  
40 Edition, is hereby amended by:- inserting after the last sentence the following new sentence:-  
41 With funding from Chapter 94 Section 323G (d) the commissioner shall establish a program to  
42 increase recycling opportunities for all property under his control. The commissioner shall file a  
43 report on all programs supported by this Fund annually with the joint committee on environment,  
44 natural resources and agriculture, on or before December 31st of each year. The report shall  
45 contain, but not be limited to, activities promoting recycling on property under the control of the  
46 division of urban parks and recreation and the division of state parks and recreation.

47 SECTION 5. Chapter 21H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is  
48 hereby amended by inserting after Section 7, the following new section:- Section 7A. The  
49 department with funding from Chapter 94, Section 323G (b), shall establish a program to

50 increase recycling opportunities at all publicly owned facilities and shall work with all  
51 appropriate state and local agencies and other entities to establish such a program.

52 SECTION 6. Section 33 of Chapter 92 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2004 Official  
53 Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-  
54 With funding from Chapter 94 Section 323G 9 (d), the commissioner of the division shall (a)  
55 require the development and incorporation of recycling opportunities into all reservation designs  
56 or redesigns and (b) establish a program to increase recycling opportunities in all of the  
57 reservations under his control.

58 SECTION 7. After a period of five years from the implementation of this law, the funding level  
59 need shall be evaluated by the department in consultation with the solid waste advisory  
60 committee, the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture and the Tellus  
61 Institute, and adjusted according to need.