

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle M. DuBois

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting public drinking water.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex
Michael D. Brady	9th Plymouth
Carmine L. Gentile	13th Middlesex
Carlos Gonzalez	10th Hampden
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Paul A. Schmid, III	8th Bristol
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex

By Ms. DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3410) of Michelle M. DuBois and others for legislation further regulating the building or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act protecting public drinking water.

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

SECTION 1. Section 150A of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following
paragraph:-

4 No site shall be assigned as a place for a new facility or for the expansion of an existing 5 facility if the site is located within a zone of 400 feet of: (1) a public water supply well or well field; (2) that area of an aquifer which: (i) contributes water to a to a well under recharge and 6 pumping conditions that allow safe yield of the well for 180 days without any natural recharge 7 occurring, and (ii) is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well 8 and by contact of the edge of the aquifer with less permeable materials; or (3) that area of an 9 aquifer which contributes water to a spring under naturally flowing conditions. Such zone may 10 include streams or lakes that act as recharge boundaries. Such zone shall be considered to extend 11 12 up-gradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries.

- 13 SECTION 2. The department of environmental protection may promulgate rules and
- 14 regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this act.