

HOUSE No. 762

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>

<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 762) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to maintaining adequate water supplies through effective drought management.

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

1 Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2A the following section:-

3 Section 2B. (a) There shall be established within the office the drought management task
4 force. The secretary and the director of the Massachusetts emergency management agency shall
5 appoint to the task force officials from state agencies and professional organizations with
6 responsibility for areas likely to be affected by drought conditions; representatives of agencies
7 that provide data used to assess drought conditions or that have the ability to respond to drought
8 conditions; and public health and safety and environmental professionals, and may invite
9 officials from federal agencies to participate. The secretary and the director shall have joint
10 responsibility for coordinating the task force. The task force shall meet at least quarterly, but it
11 shall meet at least monthly during drought. The task force shall be staffed by a director appointed
12 by the secretary.

13 (b) The task force shall assist in collecting and assessing technical information,
14 facilitating coordination and communication among task force members, agencies and the public,
15 and provide recommendations to the secretary, the secretary of public safety and security and the
16 governor on the level of drought and responses thereto. The task force shall also make
17 recommendations for the end of drought, or reduction of the drought level.

18 (c) The secretary may order water conservation measures, including limits on
19 nonessential outdoor water use, based on the severity of drought in drought regions to protect
20 public health, safety or the environment. Such water conservation measures by the secretary shall
21 apply uniformly to all water users within a drought region.

22 (d) Notwithstanding section 27C of chapter 29 of the General Laws or any ordinance, by-
23 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, cities and towns shall enforce, water conservation
24 restrictions issued by the secretary to the fullest extent permitted by law.