

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 783**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul K. Frost***

*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 drinking water and ground water research.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul K. Frost*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*7th Worcester*

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By Mr. Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish the drinking and ground water research trust fund . Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2919 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to drinking water and ground water research.

*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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2RRRR, as  
2 inserted by section 48 of chapter 46 of the acts 2015, the following section:-

3 Section 2SSSS. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a  
4 separate fund to be administered by the treasurer, as trustee, in consultation with the secretary of  
5 energy and environmental affairs and the commissioner of environmental protection, to be  
6 known as the Drinking and Ground Water Research Trust Fund to be used for the purposes of  
7 establishing a drinking and ground water research project in collaboration with Silent Spring  
8 Institute, Inc. There shall be credited to the fund any revenue from appropriations or other  
9 monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund,  
10 funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations,

11 rebates and settlements received by the commonwealth that are specifically designated to be  
12 credited to the fund, and any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the  
13 fund. No expenditure from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficiency at the close of a  
14 fiscal year. Monies deposited in the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall  
15 not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal  
16 year.