

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1857**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, September 3, 2013.

BILL #: S343

BILL STATUS: Place in the OD with Recommended Amendment

DISSENTERS:

None

ACCOMPANIED BILLS:

None

For the committee,

STANLEY C. ROSENBERG

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act extending the Environmental Joint Powers Agreement that created the A-B-C Stormwater Flooding Board.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the towns of  
2 Arlington and Belmont and the city of Cambridge, with the approval of the Cambridge city  
3 manager and the boards of selectmen of the towns of Arlington and Belmont and the secretary of  
4 energy and environmental affairs, may revive and continue to December 31, 2017 the 2005  
5 environmental joint powers agreement that created the A-B-C Stormwater Flooding Board.

6           Within 30 days after the approval by the Cambridge city manager and the boards of  
7 selectmen of the towns of Arlington and Belmont, the Cambridge city manager and the boards of  
8 selectmen shall each submit the written notice of their approval to the secretary of energy and  
9 environmental affairs, who shall hold a public hearing within 60 days after receipt of all such  
10 notices. Within 30 days after the hearing, the secretary shall issue its decision of approval or  
11 disapproval to the office of the senate clerk. If approved by the secretary and submitted to the  
12 senate clerk, the 2005 environmental joint powers agreement shall be effective retroactively from  
13 the date of its expiration in 2010 until December 31, 2017.

14           SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall limit the authority of any of the parties to terminate  
15 the agreement in accordance with its terms.

16           SECTION 3. Any further extension of the environmental joint powers agreement shall be  
17 subject to section 20 of chapter 21A of the General Laws.