

SENATE No. 596

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 reestablishing the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 596) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to reestablishing the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 513 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act reestablishing the harbors and inland waters maintenance 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 Chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended after section 10d by inserting the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 10E. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Harbors and Inland
4 Waters Maintenance Fund to which shall be credited such sums as are determined under the
5 provisions of sections forty-two, forty-three, forty-three B, forty-three C, forty-five, and forty-six
6 A of chapter ninety-one, the sales tax under chapter 64H applied to boats built or rebuilt and
7 delivered in Massachusetts by Massachusetts craftsmen, and any sums received by the
8 commonwealth from the federal government on account of the activities of the department of
9 environmental management relative to (a) the continuous maintenance dredging; (b) cleaning of
10 all areas within the harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the commonwealth including

11 removal of sunken and abandoned vessels, derelict piers and any other obstacles deemed to be
12 hazardous to navigation; (c) maintenance of state piers; and (d) for the purpose of carrying out
13 the provisions of section thirty-one. All monies in said fund shall be subject to appropriation, and
14 shall be used only for the purpose of continuous maintenance dredging and cleaning of harbors,
15 inland waters and great ponds of the commonwealth, including removal of sunken and
16 abandoned vessels, derelict piers and any other obstacles deemed to be hazardous to navigation,
17 by the department of environmental management.