

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act preserving an equitable allocation of drinking water supplies for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00490 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PRESERVING AN EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES FOR
THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. Section 8 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984 is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new subsection (p) as follows:

3 (p) The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority shall not take, transfer, divert, impound, or
4 otherwise make any use of the waters of the Connecticut River for the benefit of the authority for
5 the purposes of furnishing supplies of drinking water either to any municipality, community,
6 political subdivision, local body, user or person now or hereafter served as part of the authority's
7 water service area under the applicable provisions of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984, as
8 amended. Nothing contained in the first sentence hereof is intended to nor shall be construed to
9 limit or circumscribe the authority's existing and continued use and stewardship over the source
10 waters, reservoirs, or any other source of water supply, means of storage, or method of
11 conveyance or distribution of drinking water supplies that are now, or that have ever been at any
12 time entrusted to or otherwise made available to the care, custody and use of the authority or to
13 any of its predecessors under the provision of any general or special law, of any agreement or of
14 any established practice.