

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. McGee

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 providing the town of Saugus financial assistance for the replacement of water mains located under certain portions of the state highway rt 1.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. McGee

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01874 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING THE TOWN OF SAUGUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS LOCATED UNDER CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE STATE
HIGHWAY ROUTE 1.

*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. The general court finds that it is the public policy of the commonwealth to
2 ensure its citizens receive effective water transmission service while at the same time sufficiently
3 meeting the traffic needs on commonwealth roadways. The general court finds that in light of
4 the commonwealth's regional transportation needs, the expedited acquisition of the easements
5 and permits necessary for the rehabilitation and construction of water pipelines along Route 1,
6 beginning at the Essex Street Exit on said Route 1 and extending along Route 1 up to the Walnut
7 Street Exit on said Route 1, all within the town of Saugus, the Massachusetts Highway
8 Department and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority shall, in accordance with this act,
9 provide financial, technical and any other professional assistance necessary in order to provide
10 numerous of its citizens with improved water transmission service, while maintaining the
11 reliability of the commonwealth's regional transportation system.

12 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Highway Department is hereby authorized and directed to
13 convey to the town of Saugus, for the nominal consideration of \$1 the permanent and temporary
14 easements held by the Commonwealth, necessary for the development, construction and
15 maintenance of water pipelines and related facilities, structures and equipment to improve the
16 reliability of traffic conditions along said areas of Route 1 and to improve water transmission
17 systems; provided further the Massachusetts Highway Department shall provide and legal and
18 technical assistance to the Town to acquire other easements, both public and private, necessary
19 for the completion of the aforesaid construction of water pipelines along said areas of Route 1;
20 provided further, that the Massachusetts Highway Department shall reimburse the town of
21 Saugus for the design and engineering costs incurred by said Town for the Route 1 pipeline
22 project, in the amount of \$3,500,000; provided further, that the Massachusetts Highway
23 Department shall be responsible for providing traffic control during construction of said project.

24 SECTION 3. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority shall work cooperatively with the
25 town of Saugus to maximize cost savings for the town of Saugus and the Massachusetts Water
26 Resources Authority, included but not limited to, entering into an agreement with the Town for
27 the purpose of sharing of any costs relating to capital improvement projects undertaken by the
28 Authority which would simultaneously provide, along said areas of Route 1, the town a reduction
29 in the overall cost relating to the development, construction and maintenance of such water pipes
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31 SECTION 4. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is hereby authorized and directed
32 to provide to the town of Saugus a twenty-year, zero interest loan in an amount not to exceed the
33 costs incurred by said town for the replacement and rehabilitation of its water transmission lines

34 and service connections along said areas of Route 1 in the town of Saugus, provided that this
35 loan shall be in addition to funds made available to said town through the Massachusetts Water
36 Resources Authority local pipeline assistance program.

37 SECTION 5. Any agency, department, office or commission with regulatory jurisdiction shall,
38 notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, cooperate with the Massachusetts
39 Highway Department, the town of Saugus and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to
40 assure the attainment of the foregoing objectives and to assure that substantive and procedural
41 regulatory requirements are exercised to achieve the purposed of this act.