

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Hedlund

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 relative to the return of unused non-latexpaint.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Hedlund

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00510 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETURN OF UNUSED NON-LATEXPAIN.

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. Chapter 16 of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 21 the following new section:-

3 Section 21A. The department shall convene a stakeholder group of the parties involved in
4 the sale, recycling, and disposal of non-latex paint sold or used in the commonwealth, including
5 the manufacturers and retailers of such paint, and through this stakeholder group develop and
6 implement a cooperative program to allow consumers to return at no charge unused non-latex
7 paint for recycling or reuse.

8 The department shall promulgate regulations to provide that if such cooperative return
9 system is not fully implemented on or before July 1, 2007, that as of that date the manufacturers
10 of non-latex paint shall be required to establish a system to accept at no charge the return of

- 11 unused non-latex paint from consumers pursuant to the conditions and requirements imposed by
- 12 the department in the regulations.