

HOUSE No. 779

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to waste management at large institutions. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT AT LARGE INSTITUTIONS.

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 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 4Q the
3 following section:—
4 Section 4R. The commissioner shall, in consultation with the sec-
5 retary of the executive office of environmental affairs, promulgate
6 regulations prohibiting the distribution of state administered grants
7 to any large institution failing to meet specified recycling standards.
8 For the purposes of this section, a large institution shall be consid-
9 ered a hospital with over 100 beds, an institution of higher education
10 with an enrollment of over 500 full time students, or a public school
11 district. The executive office of environmental affairs shall be
12 charged with determining the recycling standards to be met and the
13 process for auditing an institution's waste stream. Upon the imple-
14 mentation of such regulations, large institutions not meeting the
15 specified standards will be given three years to meet the standards,
16 during which they may continue to receive state administered grants.

17 State administered grants dedicated to supporting, in whole or in
18 part, a large institution's construction project that meets or exceeds
19 the LEED Silver Certification standard of the United States Green
20 Building Council, are exempt from the provisions of this section.