

HOUSE No. 848

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport (by request), petition of Michael J. Rodrigues and Sean King that the Department of Environmental Protection be directed to establish regulations for wastewater and septic projects. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION AND WASTEWATER DISCHARGE.

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 department of environmental protection shall
2 develop comprehensive wastewater discharge impact regulations for
3 all public wastewater and septic projects exceeding 2,000 GPD (Gal-
4 lons Per Day) unless in an existing sewerred area where the addi-
5 tional flow requires no upgrade to the existing sewer system or into
6 an existing septic system that can handle the additional flow without
7 modification. Said regulations shall include (a) the cost of utilizing
8 septic, sewer, or alternative systems including composting and grey-
9 water systems (b) an impact comparison of discharging greywater
10 only to all other types of wastewater discharge on groundwater,
11 water supply well, surface water, and surface water supply within
12 2,000 meters shall be assessed including their lifecycle costs.

1 SECTION 2. A published report of the requirements set forth in
2 Section 1 shall be made available for public comment and review
3 not less than 60 days period prior to final project approval.

1 SECTION 3. The department shall issue draft regulations not
2 later than January 1, 2008 pertaining to reuse and discharge of grey-
3 water created by hand washing and custodial water use at public and
4 commercial facilities and buildings. The department shall promul-
5 gate final regulations on such reuse and discharge not later than
6 June 1, 2008.