

HOUSE No. 853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act for the establishment of a voucher program for home water filtration equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Marian T. Ryan, Middlesex District Attorney</i>	<i>15 Commonwealth Avenue Woburn, MA 01801</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
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By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of Jay D. Livingstone and Marian T. Ryan (Middlesex District Attorney) for legislation to establish a voucher program for home water filtration equipment. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act for the establishment of a voucher program for home water filtration equipment.

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 21A as appearing in the Official 2020 edition of the General Laws is amended by
2 adding section (8G), as follows:

3 (a) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) shall establish and administer a
4 program in which the DEP shall issue vouchers for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
5 filtration equipment in accordance with the following requirements.

6 (1) The DEP shall maintain a list of municipalities (affected municipalities) in which
7 PFAS level exceed the maximum contamination levels (MCL) set by the DEP.

8 (2) The DEP shall maintain a registry of addresses that have received vouchers in the
9 past.

10 (3) For purposes of this section, an “address” shall mean a single-family house or a
11 numbered unit in a multi-unit dwelling of any kind.

12 (4) For purposes of this section, “PFAS filtration equipment” shall mean point-of-use
13 filtration devices installed into a water line and replacement filters for such devices. National
14 Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certification of PFAS filtration equipment is required for it to be
15 eligible for a voucher.

16 (b) A resident or property owner living in an affected municipality may request
17 vouchers for filtration equipment, i.e., a point-of-use filtration device or a replacement filter,
18 from the DEP.

19 (1) The applicant must provide proof of address in an affected municipality.

20 (2) The applicant address may receive no more than two vouchers for point-of-use
21 filtration devices in a five-year period.

22 (3) The applicant address may receive no more than two vouchers for replacement
23 filters in a six-month period.

24 (c) A voucher recipient may redeem a voucher at any retail establishment selling
25 filtration equipment.

26 (1) The retail establishment shall accept a voucher marked alternatively for a filtration
27 device or for a replacement filter in lieu of payment for such equipment.

28 (2) The retail establishment shall receive reimbursement from the DEP upon providing
29 the voucher and the record of sale.

30 (d) Funds for the redemption of vouchers shall come from state and federal water
31 quality grants to the DEP.