

HOUSE No. 3441

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act protecting the Commonwealth's lakes and ponds..

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 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 35X the following section:—Section 35Y. There shall be established and set up a
3 separate fund to be known as the Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Fund for the purpose of
4 funding the invasive aquatic plants prevention grant program within the department of
5 environmental protection. There shall be credited to said fund all monies received under section
6 3A of chapter 90B.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
8 following section:—Section 21. The department of environmental protection shall establish a
9 grant program for the allocation of money to lake associations and towns which seek to
10 administer an invasive aquatic plant prevention and mitigation prevention program. The grant
11 program shall be funded by the Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Fund established by section
12 35Y of chapter 10. The department of environmental protection shall establish a management
13 plan to implement the grant program. The management plan shall include, but not be limited to:I.
14 Eligibility determination criteria and procedures.II. Application requirements and procedures.III.

15 Project selection and prioritization requirements and procedures.IV. Stewardship requirements
16 and procedures, including annual reporting to the department by the grantee.The department of
17 environmental protection shall distribute funds for projects to further the purpose of this chapter
18 only to eligible applicants. Eligible applicants shall include:(i) Publicly-supported nonprofit
19 corporations exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue
20 Code.(ii) Municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state.(iii) Institutions of higher
21 learning.(iv) Departments or organizations within the federal government.

22 SECTION 3. Chapter 90B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
23 section 3 the following section:—Section 3A. For each application and fee submitted in
24 accordance with section 3 (a), five dollars of said fee shall be paid into the Invasive Aquatic
25 Plant Management Fund established by section 35Y of chapter 10.

26 SECTION 4. A fee of ten dollars shall be collected for each out-of-state motorboat
27 entering Massachusetts lakes and ponds, which shall be collected by appropriate environmental
28 law enforcement authorities or their designees, and shall be paid into the Invasive Aquatic Plant
29 Management Fund established by section 35Y of Chapter 10.