

SENATE No. 1324

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act establishing a groundwater protection tax credit for homeowners. ..

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 62, Section 6, is hereby amended by adding the following
2 subsection:- “(n) Any owner of residential property located in the commonwealth who is not a
3 dependent of another taxpayer and who occupies said property as his principal residence, shall be
4 allowed a credit equal to 40 per cent of the expenditures for the repair of a private sewer lateral,
5 the installation of an innovative groundwater recharge system, or the inspection or repair of
6 wood pilings used to support the foundation of the property. Said expenditures shall be the actual
7 cost to the taxpayer or \$5,000, whichever is less; provided, however, that said credit shall be
8 available to eligible taxpayers beginning in the tax year in which the work was completed; and
9 provided, further, that said credit shall not exceed \$1,500 in any tax year and any excess credit
10 may be applied over the following five subsequent tax years up to an aggregate maximum of
11 \$6,000. The amount of any such credit shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total grant or
12 subsidy received from any governmental entity, whether directly or indirectly, toward the cost of
13 said expenditures.

14 The Department of Revenue shall consult with the Department of Environmental
15 Protection in developing rules, regulations and guidelines, including defining eligible projects
16 and costs, for said tax credit.”