

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1443**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Relative to Professional Services..

*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. "Subsection (b) of Section 1 of chapter 30B of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following clause:

3 (3\_) a contract for the maintenance, inspection, improvement, or repair of a water tank,  
4 tower, standpipe or any facility or structure for water storage for public water supply or fire  
5 protection. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, a  
6 governmental body may enter into a contract for the maintenance, inspection, improvement, or  
7 repair of a water tank, tower, standpipe or any facility or structure for water storage for public  
8 water supply or fire protection without said contract being subject to the competitive bid process  
9 as set forth in sections thirty-eight A1/2 to thirty-eight O, inclusive, of chapter seven, section  
10 thirty-nine M of chapter thirty, or sections forty-four A to forty-four J, inclusive, of chapter one  
11 hundred and forty-nine."

12 For the purposes of this act, "governmental body" shall be defined as any city, town,  
13 county, water district, fire district, authority or state agency located within the commonwealth;

14 provided further that the term “governmental body” shall not mean the Massachusetts Water  
15 Resources Authority (MWRA).

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17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.