

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2545**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act relative to dam repair, removal and replacement.

*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. Definitions.

2 (a) Section 44 of chapter 253 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
3 after line 2 the following new definition:“Abandoned”, a dam that has no identifiable owner or a  
4 dam whose owner fails to respond to the owner’s obligations under sections 44 to 48, inclusive,  
5 based on any emergency action taken by the commissioner pursuant to section 47, and the  
6 creation of a lien upon the lot or lots of land on which the dam is situated and upon the buildings  
7 and structures on said lot or lots pursuant to section 48.