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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1490

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 restoring the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*1/10/2017*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*1/10/2017*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/10/2017*

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1490) of Tackey Chan, Bruce E. Tarr and David M. Rogers for legislation to create the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund from portions of the fuel excise tax and fees assessed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2467* OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act restoring the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section of 13 of Chapter 64A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the paragraph after the words “chapter 131” the following “;and 0.05 percent shall be credited to the Harbors and Island Waters Maintenance Fund, established by section 10A ½ of chapter 91.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 10A the following new section: -

Section 10A ½. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Harbors and Inland Waters Maintenance Fund to which shall be credited such sums as are determined the provisions of section thirteen of chapter sixty four A, sections forty-two, forty-three, forty-five,

forty-six A and forty-nine of chapter ninety-one and any sums received by the commonwealth from the federal government on account of the activities of the department of conservation and recreation relative to (a) the continuous maintenance dredging; (b) cleaning of all the areas within the harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the commonwealth include the removal of sunken and abandoned vessels, derelict piers and any other obstacles deemed to be hazardous to navigation; (c) maintenance of state piers; and (d) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section thirty-one. All monies in said fund shall be subject to appropriation, and shall be used only for the purpose of continuous maintenance dredging and cleaning of harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the commonwealth, including removal of sunken and abandoned vessels, derelict piers and any other obstacles deemed to be hazardous to navigation, by the department of conservation and recreation.