

HOUSE No. 4039

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 20, 2017.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 438) of Hannah Kane, Michael O. Moore and others relative to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4039) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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

An Act relative to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith certain activities and procedures of the Lake Quinsigamond Commission, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 294 of the special acts of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out
2 sections 1A and 1B, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 357 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in
3 place thereof the following 2 sections:-

4 Section 1A. The commission shall assist town, city, and state agencies, departments,
5 boards and commissions by coordinating, conducting or administering activities of water quality
6 monitoring, pollution control, vegetation control, recreation management and fact-finding in
7 Lake Quinsigamond and its watershed located in the city of Worcester and the towns of
8 Shrewsbury and Grafton, and shall cooperate with state agencies and conservation commissions
9 with any research and fact-finding studies concerning said lake and its watershed.

10 Activities to be undertaken by the commission pursuant to this section shall be subject to
11 the availability of any necessary funding.

12 The commission shall submit an annual report, not later than March 1 of each year, to the
13 boards of selectmen of the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, the mayor of the city of Worcester,
14 and the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation. The report shall include
15 information about the commission's activities and finances for the prior calendar year and
16 planned future activities with estimated costs for the present and subsequent years. In addition
17 the report shall contain the commission's assessment about the current state of said lake and its
18 watershed.

19 Section 1B. The commission may accept and solicit funds, donations, grants or bequests,
20 from any source, including appropriations, reimbursements or other funds from the city of
21 Worcester, and the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, and the commonwealth, for the purpose of
22 any activity of the commission authorized under section 1A.

23 SECTION 2. Said chapter 294 of the special acts of 1916 is hereby further amended by
24 striking out section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

25 Section 2. The commissioners may, after notice and a public hearing held in the city of
26 Worcester, or the town of Shrewsbury or Grafton, establish reasonable rules and regulations for:
27 (1) the protection and policing of the waters of Lake Quinsigamond within the city of Worcester
28 and the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, including the waters below Stringer dam that extend
29 to the south outlet of Hovey Pond, and (2) permitting and regulating the use of motor boats, other
30 boats and canoes therein, and (3) regulating the conduct of persons upon, or bathing in, the

31 waters of said lake; and the commissioners as necessary may, after notice and a public hearing,
32 add to, amend or repeal the rules and regulations.

33 SECTION 3. Said chapter 294 of the special acts of 1916 is hereby further
34 amended by repealing section 10.