

HOUSE No. 923

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick and Michael F. Rush

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 relative to emergency water management plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Representative Garlick of Needham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 923) of Denise C. Garlick and Michael F. Rush relative to emergency water management plans. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to emergency water management plans.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the
2 contrary, each emergency response plan prepared in accordance with 310 CMR 22.04(13) shall
3 be filed with the department of environmental protection, the department of public utilities, and
4 the local municipality on an annual basis. Failure to file an emergency water management plan
5 may be subject to penalties established by the department of environmental protection.

6 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the
7 contrary, the department of environmental protection shall promulgate regulations within 90 days
8 of the passage of this act to require statistical reports pursuant to 310 CMR 22.15(5) be filed
9 quarterly with the department and the local municipality.

10 SECTION 3. The department of environmental protection, in consultation with the
11 department of public utilities, shall require water companies to file with the commonwealth and

12 the local municipality, annually, a consumer confidence report detailing any emergency events
13 and all mitigation actions taken over the previous 12-month period.

14 SECTION 4. The department of environmental protection, in consultation with the
15 department of public utilities, shall promulgate regulations to require water companies provide
16 effected customers a rebate prorated for the duration of any water outage.