

HOUSE No. 920

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly

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 for the establishment of a voucher program for home water filtration equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/20/2025</i>
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>

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By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 920) of Mike Connolly, John R. Gaskey and Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a voucher program for home water filtration equipment. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 853 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act for the establishment of a voucher program for home water filtration equipment.

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 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the Official 2020 edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 8G. PFAS Filtration Voucher Program

4 (a) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) shall establish and administer a
5 program for the issuance of vouchers for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) filtration
6 equipment, in accordance with the following requirements:

7 The DEP shall maintain a list of municipalities (affected municipalities) where PFAS
8 levels exceed the maximum contamination levels (MCL) set by the DEP.

9 The DEP shall maintain a registry of addresses that have received vouchers in the past.

10 For the purposes of this section, the term “address” shall mean a single-family house or a
11 numbered unit in a multi-unit dwelling of any kind.

12 For the purposes of this section, “PFAS filtration equipment” shall refer to third-party
13 certified point-of-use filtration devices installed into a water line and replacement filters for such
14 devices. The following requirements must be met for eligibility for a voucher: a. A third-party
15 certified point-of-use filtration device must be certified by an independent certification body
16 accredited to ISO 17065 by an entity domiciled in the United States that is a signatory to the
17 International Accreditation Forum Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (IAF MLA), such as
18 the Water Quality Association, NSF International, or the International Association of Plumbing
19 and Mechanical Officials; b. The filtration device must be NSF/ANSI 53: Drinking Water
20 Treatment Units – Health Effects certified, including a claim for reduction of PFAS; or c. The
21 filtration device must be NSF/ANSI 58: Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Systems
22 certified, including a claim for reduction of PFAS.

23 (b) A resident or property owner living in an affected municipality may request vouchers
24 for filtration equipment, including a point-of-use filtration device or a replacement filter, from
25 the DEP.

26 The applicant must provide proof of address in an affected municipality.

27 The applicant’s address may receive no more than two vouchers for point-of-use filtration
28 devices in a five-year period.

29 The applicant’s address may receive no more than two vouchers for replacement filters in
30 a six-month period.

31 (c) A voucher recipient may redeem the voucher at any retail establishment selling
32 filtration equipment.

33 The retail establishment shall accept the voucher, marked alternatively for a filtration
34 device or for a replacement filter, in lieu of payment for such equipment.

35 The retail establishment shall receive reimbursement from the DEP upon providing the
36 voucher and the record of sale.

37 (d) Funds for the redemption of vouchers shall come from state and federal water quality
38 grants to the DEP.