



MWRA & MWRA ADVISORY BOARD

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR 2009-2010 SESSION

NEW INITIATIVES

- 1. H.3125 An Act to Expand the Bottle Bill**
Expands the existing Bottle Bill to include 5 cent deposit on bottled water containers. Unreturned deposit receipts would be placed in a dedicated fund available to municipalities, water districts, and the MWRA to be used for water and sewer infrastructure repairs and projects.

Status: [Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy](#)
- 2. H.2828 Water Resources Funding Act**
Inserts taxation of bottled water into the Massachusetts General Laws and creates a dedicated fund available to municipalities, water districts, and the MWRA to be used for water and sewer infrastructure repairs and projects.

Status: [Joint Committee on Revenue](#)
- 3. H.781 An Act Relative to the Sewer Rate Relief Fund**
Would fund the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund at formula as stated in Chapter 29; Section 2Z.

Status: [Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture](#)
- 4. H.2829 An Act to Expand the Septic Tax Credit**
Would allow homeowners a tax credit of 20% of the debt service portion of their retail sewer bill; akin to Chapter 62; Section 6(i) (The Septic Tax Credit)

Status: [Joint Committee on Revenue](#)
- 5. H.2517 An Act Relative to GIC Dental and Vision Insurance for Some MWRA Employees¹**
Would grant access to GIC dental and vision insurance for some MWRA employees.

Status: [Joint Committee on Public Service](#)

¹ This bill is an MWRA initiative. The MWRA Advisory Board did not take a vote on this bill.

RE-FILES

MWRA COSTS

5. **H.2516 An Act Relative to the MWRA Fringe Rate²**

Limits MWRA exposure to actual costs. (Currently, MWRA pays an additional 25.8% for Health Insurance, Long-Term Disability and Retirement Costs and unemployment, universal health and medicare for the DCR Division of Water Supply Protection.)

Status: Joint Committee on Public Service

6. **H.1522 An Act to Limit the Liability of the MWRA**

Limits the MWRA's liability to \$100,000, consistent with other state agencies and authorities.

Status: Joint Committee on the Judiciary

7. **H.2827 An Act to eliminate duplicate payments for the PILOT Program in the Quabbin Reservoir under MGL CAAP 59, Section 56)**

Currently, MWRA pays over \$425,000 to six communities for annexed land, in addition to the PILOT payments.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue

WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

8. **S.429 An Act to Establish a Lead Service Replacement Program**

Low-interest loan program to assist homeowners with the replacement of private portion (curb to home) of lead service replacements. Similar to Title V.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

9. **S.430 An Act to Establish a Lead Service Replacement Program – Municipal Reimbursement**

Establishes State Program to reimburse municipalities for the cost of replacing the public portion (water main to curb) of lead service lines.

Status: Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

10. **H.779 An Act to Support the Infiltration and Inflow Financial Assistance Program**

Reimburses the MWRA for cost of providing cities and towns with interest-free grants and loans to rehabilitate local collection systems to reduce I/I.

Status: Joint Committee on Revenue

11. **H.3092 Reestablish the Former DEQE/DEP Water Meter Modernization Grant Program**

Re-creates program to allow communities to better meet Water Management Act/Water Conservation Standards.

Status: Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy

² This bill is an MWRA Advisory Board initiative. The MWRA Board of Directors did not include this item in the MWRA Legislative Package.