



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H. 3125: AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BOTTLE BILL

Whereas, the Commonwealth's Bottle Bill was created in 1981 and has not been updated to include newer plastics that were unavailable in 1981, including bottled water; and

Whereas, 305 million gallons of bottled water were consumed in Massachusetts last year; and

Whereas, ratepayers within the MWRA service area enjoy some of the cleanest and best tasting water in the country; and

Whereas, communities are struggling in this economy to provide services and maintain public utilities including water and sewer infrastructure; and

Whereas, the water and sewer needs of the Commonwealth outpace the availability of dollars to help with infrastructure projects; and

Whereas, this bill would be an opportunity to invest in the "forgotten infrastructure" of water and sewer infrastructure by making funds available to municipalities, water districts, and the MWRA to be used for water and sewer infrastructure repairs and projects; and

Whereas, this bill would create a win-win situation for communities, ratepayers and for the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the <<city/town>> supports **H.3125: An Act to Expand the Bottle Bill** which includes a five-cent (\$0.05) deposit on bottled water containers and creates a dedicated fund with unclaimed deposits available to municipalities, water districts, and the MWRA to be used for water and sewer infrastructure repairs and projects.

ADOPTED this <<date>>

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