

HOUSE No. 2524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act restoring the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tackey Chan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Norfolk

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2524) of Tackey Chan for legislation to create the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund from portions of the fuel excise tax and fees assessed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Revenue.

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An Act restoring the harbors and inland waters maintenance fund .

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. Section of 13 of Chapter 64A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the paragraph after the words “chapter 131”
3 the following “;and 0.05 percent shall be credited to the Harbors and Island Waters Maintenance
4 Fund, established by section 10A ½ of chapter 91.”

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6 SECTION 2. Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 edition, is hereby
7 amended by inserting after section 10A the following new section: -

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9 Section 10A ½. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Harbors and Inland
10 Waters Maintenance Fund to which shall be credited such sums as are determined the provisions
11 of section thirteen of chapter sixty four A, sections forty-two, forty-three, forty-five, forty-six A
12 and forty-nine of chapter ninety-one and any sums received by the commonwealth from the
13 federal government on account of the activities of the department of conservation and recreation
14 relative to (a) the continuous maintenance dredging; (b) cleaning of all the areas within the
15 harbors, inland waters and great ponds of the commonwealth include the removal of sunken and
16 abandoned vessels, derelict piers and any other obstacles deemed to be hazardous to navigation;
17 (c) maintenance of state piers; and (d) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section
18 thirty-one. All monies in said fund shall be subject to appropriation, and shall be used only for
19 the purpose of continuous maintenance dredging and cleaning of harbors, inland waters and great
20 ponds of the commonwealth, including removal of sunken and abandoned vessels, derelict piers
21 and any other obstacles deemed to be hazardous to navigation, by the department of conservation
22 and recreation.

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