

HOUSE No. 684

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen L. DiNatale

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 bill:

An Act relative to the Toxic Use Reduction Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Stephen L. DiNatale

3rd Worcester

Frank I. Smizik

15th Norfolk

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By Mr. DiNatale of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of Stephen L. DiNatale and Frank I. Smizik relative to considering certain environmental management systems as an alternative to toxic use reduction planning. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the Toxic Use Reduction Act.

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 2 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby deleted and replaced by the following:

3 “Environmental Management System”, a quality-based management system that
4 effectively integrates environmental considerations into an organization’s day-to-day operations
5 and management culture. Any of the following national and international environmental
6 management systems shall be deemed an alternative to toxic use reduction planning: ISO 14001,
7 Responsible Care, Responsible Distribution, Chem Stewards. Any Massachusetts company
8 subject to chemical use reporting shall submit evidence of participation in one of the above
9 systems to the Department of Environmental Protection. If there are any changes to the
10 company’s participation in one of these environmental management systems, the Department
11 shall be notified at the beginning of the next planning cycle.