

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1544**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to consumer protection in energy facility siting..

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2   Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby prohibited from issuing any permits for new energy  
3   facilities approved by the Energy Facilities Siting Board that are located within 1 mile of a  
4   residence. Said linear distance shall be measured from the outermost perimeter of such facility  
5   to the outermost point of the aforementioned zones; provided, however that any such facility in  
6   operation on January 1, 2009, shall not be subject to this act.