

SENATE No. 1130

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Richard T. Moore

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1130) of Moore that provision be made for an investigation and study to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth [Joint Committee on Public Health].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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Resolve to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

1 **Resolved**, Whereas there are serious incidents across the Commonwealth involving the
2 impact of large wind turbines on the health of its citizens, and

3 Whereas people, who live in close proximity to wind turbines or who are
4 concerned about the siting of wind turbines, are concerned about the health impacts of wind
5 turbines,

6 Therefore be it resolved that there shall be a Special Commission on the Health
7 Impacts of Wind Turbines on the citizens of the Commonwealth. Said Commission shall be
8 comprised of the House and Senate Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Public Health as well as
9 the House and Senate ranking minority member on the committee, the House and Senate
10 Chairman of the Joint Telecommunication and Energy Committee and the ranking House and
11 Senate minority member, the Commissioner of Department of Public Health or his designee, a
12 scientist who shall be knowledgeable about the health affects of windmills who shall be
13 appointed by the Governor, three epidemiologists one each who shall be appointed by the
14 Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, the CEO of the Barnstable County

15 Department of Public Health, the Executive Director or designee of the Berkshire Regional
16 Planning Commission, a municipal health agent to be appointed by the Massachusetts
17 Association of Boards of Health, a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society who shall
18 serve as chair, a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Association knowledgeable about the
19 health effects of wind turbines and three citizens of the Commonwealth living within 3000 feet
20 of an operating wind turbine one of each to be appointed by the Regional Planning Agencies of
21 the counties of Barnstable, Berkshire and Worcester.

22 Said study shall commence within 30 days of the enactment of this bill and said
23 Commission shall file a report no later than September 30, 2011. Said Commission shall study
24 all facets of health impacts of windmills including but not limited to the effects of low frequency
25 noise on humans and animals, sleep disorders, difficulty with equilibrium, headaches, childhood
26 night terrors, effects on the inner ear, learning and mood disorders, panic attacks, irritability,
27 concentration, and memory, noise, flicker, proximity, size of wind turbine, and wind conditions.
28 Said study shall make recommendations to the Great and General Court on legislation designed
29 to protect the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth including an acceptable distance to site
30 a wind turbine project from dwellings, and businesses, and from municipal, commercial and
31 residential property lines, an optimum wind turbine size and design that reduces or lessens health
32 impacts and, a recommendation as to whether wind turbine projects should be reviewed by local
33 boards of health as part of the permitting process and any other matter that may come before the
34 Study Commission that will enhance the protection of the public health.