

SENATE No. 1078

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 bill:

An Act concerning public health reviews.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1078) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a working group to determine a community review on the impacts of wind turbines. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act concerning public health reviews.

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. There is hereby established a working group to determine the scope and
2 process of community reviews for the siting of and impacts caused by wind turbines in
3 residential neighborhoods and to abutters of said turbines. The scope and process of community
4 reviews shall include but not be limited to: (i) visiting a site over a period of time to gauge the
5 varying degrees of wind strength; (ii) monitoring noise levels over a certain period of time to
6 gauge the impact; (iii) assessing the impacts of wind turbine noise; (iv) flicker and other impacts
7 on the health of individuals living within 3,000 feet of said turbines; and (v) any other issues that
8 said working group feels are important to local communities impacted by the siting of said wind
9 turbines.

10 SECTION 2. The working group shall be administered by the department of public
11 health, the department of environmental protection, the Massachusetts Municipal Association,
12 the Massachusetts Selectman’s Association and the Massachusetts Association of Boards of
13 Health and shall consist of: the commissioner of department of public health, or designee, who
14 shall serve as co-chair; the commissioner of the department of environmental protection, or
15 designee, who shall serve as co-chair; a representative from the Massachusetts Municipal
16 Association, who shall serve as co-chair; a representative from the Massachusetts Selectman’s
17 Association, who shall serve as co-chair; a representative from the Massachusetts Association of
18 Boards of Health, who shall serve as co-chair; the speaker of the house of representatives, or
19 designee; the president of the senate, or designee; the minority leaders of the house and senate, or
20 their designees; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public health, or their
21 designees; the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy, or their
22 designees.