

HOUSE No. 703

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 to prohibit the additional incineration of solid waste.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Peter V. Kocot

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Hampshire

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 703) of Peter V. Kocot for legislation to prohibit additional incineration of solid waste materials. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 742 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to prohibit the additional incineration of solid waste.

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 150A of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, is hereby further
2 amended by adding the following paragraphs:—

3 No site in any city or town shall be assigned as a site or for the expansion of an existing
4 site, for a facility for the combustion or incineration of solid waste or construction and
5 demolition debris, which is proposed to or capable of having a combustion rate consuming more
6 than one ton of refuse per hour.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 16 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking the second
8 paragraph of section 21 and inserting in its place thereof the following:—

9 The comprehensive statewide master plan referred to herein shall describe, to the
10 maximum practicable extent, a short and long-range plan for reduction of the per capita
11 generation of solid waste throughout the commonwealth, the solid waste programs and facilities
12 which the department determines to be necessary or convenient to promote the reduction of
13 waste generation and to increase recycling of solid waste in a manner which protects the public
14 health, safety and environment and is financially sound, and the funding for the development of
15 such facilities and programs which the department finds to be reasonable necessary to
16 accomplish said purposes. Said master plan shall prohibit the siting, construction or expansion
17 of facilities for the combustion or incineration of solid waste.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.