

SENATE No. 458

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc R. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 458) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks.

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 4 of Chapter 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (a) The secretary shall adopt the 2020 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant
5 to subsection (b) of section 3 which shall be between 10 per cent and 25 per cent below the 1990
6 emissions level and a plan for achieving said reduction. The secretary shall further adopt the
7 2030 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 which
8 shall be between 35 per cent and 45 per cent below the 1990 emissions level and a plan for
9 achieving said reduction. The secretary shall further adopt the 2040 statewide greenhouse gas
10 emissions limit pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 which shall be between 55 per cent and 65
11 per cent below the 1990 emissions level and a plan for achieving said reduction. The secretary
12 shall consult with all state agencies and regional authorities with jurisdiction over sources of

13 greenhouse gases on all elements of the emissions limits and plans that pertain to energy-related
14 matters including, but not limited to, electrical generation, load based-standards or requirements,
15 the provision of reliable and affordable electrical service and statewide fuel supplies, to ensure
16 the greenhouse gas emissions reduction activities to be adopted and implemented by the
17 secretary are complementary, non-duplicative and can be implemented in an efficient and cost-
18 effective manner. The 2020, 2030, and 2040 statewide emissions limits and implementation
19 plans shall comply with this section.

20 SECTION 2. Said section 4 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby further
21 amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "limit" and inserting in place thereof the following
22 word:- limits

23 SECTION 3. Said section 4 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby further
24 amended by striking out, in lines 37 and 38, the words "2020 emission limit and implementing
25 plan" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 2020, 2030, and 2040 emission limits
26 and implementing plans

27 SECTION 4. Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out section
28 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

29 Section 16. The department of environmental protection shall promulgate regulations
30 pursuant to subsection (d) of said section 3 of said chapter 21N not later than January 1, 2012,
31 which regulations shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

32 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, clause (2)
33 of subsection (b) of section 3 of Chapter 21N of the General Laws shall be implemented no later
34 than January 1, 2021.

35 SECTION 6. The 2030 statewide greenhouse gas initiative required to be adopted
36 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4 of said chapter 21N shall be adopted no later than January
37 1, 2021.

38 SECTION 7. The 2040 statewide greenhouse gas initiative required to be adopted
39 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4 of said chapter 21N shall be adopted no later than January
40 1, 2031.