

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3565**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Heroux***

*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 recognize the rights of a community regarding a petition to construct an energy facility or an oil facility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul R. Heroux*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Bristol*

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3565) of Paul R. Heroux relative to the rights of communities prior to the issuance of energy or oil facility operating permits by the Department of Environmental Protection. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to recognize the rights of a community regarding a petition to construct an energy facility or an oil facility.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The department of environmental protection under its operating permit and compliance  
2 program (310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C) may not issue an operating permit unless the  
3 department’s operating permit and compliance program has been provided proof of approval for  
4 said operating permit from the host community’s city council or board of selectmen, and of all  
5 municipalities abutting the host community.