

HOUSE No. 417

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle M. DuBois

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 restricting the use of effluent water.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	

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By Ms. DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 417) of Michelle M. DuBois and others for legislation to prohibit the use of effluent water in cooling towers in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3411 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act restricting the use of effluent water.

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

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 27A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 27B. Effluent water shall not be used in any cooling tower in the
4 commonwealth. For the purposes of this section a cooling tower shall be any heat rejection
5 device which rejects waste heat into the atmosphere through the cooling of a water stream to a
6 lower temperature. The division shall advise the department regarding the enforcement of this
7 section and may prescribe further restrictions on the use of effluent water through rules and
8 regulations.