

SENATE No. 1891

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 regulating the location of pipelines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1891) of James E. Timilty for legislation to regulate the location of pipelines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating the location of pipelines.

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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 75I. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
4 contrary no new fossil fuel transmission pipelines shall be located in an area which is less than 1
5 mile in linear distance from a playground, licensed day-care center, school, church, area of
6 critical environmental concern, as determined by the secretary of environmental affairs pursuant
7 to 301 CMR 12.00, or an area occupied by residential housing. This linear distance shall be
8 measured from any point along a fossil fuel transmission pipeline to the outermost point of the
9 aforementioned zones; provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase
10 capacity in any such pipeline in operation prior to January 1, 2017, shall not be subject to this
11 section.