

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2878**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 redefining natural gas compressor station.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2878) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1754 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act redefining natural gas compressor station.

*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 1 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as appearing in in the 2014  
2 official edition is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition:-

3 “Natural Gas Compressor Station”, a facility designed and constructed to compress  
4 natural gas that originates from an oil and gas well or collection of such wells operating as a  
5 midstream facility for delivery of oil and gas to a transmission pipeline, distribution pipeline,  
6 natural gas processing plant or underground storage field, including one or more natural gas  
7 compressors, associated buildings, pipes valves, tanks and other equipment.

8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any natural gas  
9 compressor stations, as defined in SECTION 1 which are operationally and physically similar to

- 10 an industrial use shall only be appropriate in industrial zoning districts, as provided in chapter
- 11 40E.