

SENATE No. 1943

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 responsible emergency planning.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1943) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan and Sarah K. Peake for legislation relative to responsible emergency planning. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to responsible emergency planning.

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 2B of chapter 639 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by striking the first
2 paragraph and inserting the following:-

3 “The director shall designate certain areas of the commonwealth as “nuclear power plant
4 areas.” For the purposes of this section, said areas shall consist of all communities located within
5 a ten mile radius of any nuclear power plant or inactive nuclear power plant; unless all spent
6 nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste at the facility is stored in dry cask storage systems
7 licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This designation shall apply whether or not
8 said power plant is located within the commonwealth.”

9 Section 5K of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended in subpart (E) after
10 “defray the cost of such activities” by inserting following:-

11 “Such assessments may be made against active facilities, or inactive nuclear power
12 generating facilities that harbor spent nuclear fuel, high-level radioactive waste, or other nuclear

13 material in a spent fuel pool or other storage structure, provided that these costs shall not be
14 assessed against inactive facilities that store all spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive
15 waste in dry cask storage systems licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.”