

SENATE No. 1998

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 hydrokinetic energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No. 1998

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1998) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to hydrokinetic energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1729 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to hydrokinetic energy.

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 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting in line 30 after the words “a Class I net metering facility that is not an agricultural net
3 metering facility or that is not using solar” the words:- “, hydrokinetic,”

4 SECTION 2. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
5 inserting in line 48 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net
6 metering facility,”

7 SECTION 3. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
8 inserting in line 67 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net
9 metering facility,”

10 SECTION 4. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
11 inserting the following new paragraph:-

12 “Hydrokinetic net metering facility,” a facility for the production of electrical energy that
13 uses: (a) waves, tides, and currents in oceans, estuaries, and tidal areas; (b) free-flowing water in
14 rivers, lakes, and streams; (c) free-flowing water in man-made channels; or (d) differentials in
15 ocean temperature, called ocean thermal energy conversion to generate electricity and is
16 interconnected to a distribution company.