

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1997**

**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 compressor stations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2019</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1997) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Mark J. Cusack, Josh S. Cutler, James K. Hawkins and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to compressor stations. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to compressor stations.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no new natural  
2 gas compressor stations shall be located in an area which is less than 0.5 miles in linear distance  
3 from: (i) a playground;(ii) a licensed day care center; (iii) a school; (iv) a church; (v) an  
4 environmental justice population neighborhood; (vi) an area of critical environmental concern as  
5 determined by the secretary of environmental affairs under 301 CMR 12.00; (vii) a waterway  
6 preserved and protected for water-dependent uses under chapter 91; or (viii) an area occupied by  
7 residential housing. Linear distance shall be measured from any point along a natural gas  
8 compressor station to the outermost point of buildings or areas in clauses (i) to (viii), inclusive;  
9 provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase the capacity of a natural gas  
10 compressor station in operation prior to January 1, 2019, shall not be subject to this section. For  
11 the purposes of this section, “environmental justice population neighborhood” shall mean a  
12 neighborhood with an annual median household income of not more than 65 per cent of the  
13 statewide median income or with a segment of the population that consists of residents that is not

14 less than 25 per cent minority, foreign born or lacking in English language proficiency based on  
15 the most recent United States census.”; and

16 by adding the following section:-

17 “SECTION 33. Section 22A shall take effect upon a determination by the attorney  
18 general that the section is constitutional.”