

SENATE No. 1944

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 improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Maria Duaime Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1944) of Julian Cyr and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the undertaking of a
2 significant project on a public way exposing wastewater infrastructure, and with sufficient
3 notice, a municipality or the commonwealth shall submit written notification of the project to the
4 electrical utility. The utility shall survey the project area for the reliability of electrical
5 distribution lines and review repair and replacement schedules for electrical lines in the project
6 area. The utility shall also assess the resiliency of electrical transmission lines relative to climate
7 resiliency, including but not limited to impacts from coastal storms. The electrical utility shall
8 provide the repair and replacement schedule of transmission lines to the municipality or the
9 commonwealth.