

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3266**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 offshore wind.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3266) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Christopher Hendricks and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to the offshore wind proposal bidding process. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to offshore wind.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as  
2 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out the figure  
3 “1,600” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 4,800.

4 SECTION 2. Said Subsection (b) of said section 83C of said chapter 169, as so  
5 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words:- "June 30, 2027" and inserting in  
6 place thereof the following words:- "June 30, 2025; provided, however, that said distribution  
7 companies enter into cost effective long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation  
8 equal to approximately 1,600 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than June 30,  
9 2022".

10 SECTION 3. Said Subsection (b) of said section 83C of said chapter 169, as so  
11 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words:- ", if applicable,".

12           SECTION 4. Subsection (b) of said section 83C of said chapter 169, as so appearing, is  
13 hereby further amended by striking out the words "24 months" and inserting in place thereof the  
14 following words:- "18 months."

15           SECTION 5. Section 83C of said chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as so appearing, is  
16 hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:-

17           (e) The winning bid shall create and foster employment and economic development in the  
18 Commonwealth and represent not less than fifteen percent of the proposal's overall score in the  
19 bids selection process. The winning bid shall be chosen by the selection committee which shall  
20 consider all proposals and criteria in subsection (d) when making a final decision. The  
21 committee shall consist of the following members: the secretary of energy and environmental  
22 affairs, which shall be the chair; the attorney general; the secretary of the executive office of  
23 housing and economic development; and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
24 telecommunications, utilities and energy.

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