

HOUSE No. 5084

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 26, 2022.

The committee on Public Health to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2227) of Ruth B. Balsler, Sarah K. Peake and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the monitoring and operation of nuclear reactors, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5084) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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

An Act incorporating the public health lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

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. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health shall commission a
2 study on the Commonwealth’s state of preparedness for a nuclear emergency. The study shall
3 include, but not be limited to:

- 4 1. the department’s preparedness and capability to respond to a nuclear emergency
- 5 2. the locations and current inventory of stockpiled thyroid-protecting agents in nuclear
6 power plant areas, as defined in Section 2B of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950.
- 7 3. the suitability of the current nuclear monitoring station network
- 8 4. current best practices regarding radiation monitoring and emergency preparedness for a
9 nuclear emergency

10 SECTION 2. The department shall provide the full findings of the study, including any
11 legislative recommendations, to the Joint Committee on Public Health, the House Committee on

- 12 Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means no later than 1 year after the
- 13 effective date of this act.