

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 891**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michelle M. DuBois***

*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 restricting the use of effluent water in cooling towers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>

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By Ms. DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 891) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the use of effluent water in cooling towers. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 760 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act restricting the use of effluent water in cooling towers.

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

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 27A the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 27B. Effluent water shall not be used in any cooling tower in the commonwealth.  
4 For the purposes of this section a cooling tower shall be any heat rejection device which rejects  
5 waste heat into the atmosphere through the cooling of a water stream to a lower temperature. The  
6 division shall advise the department regarding the enforcement of this section and may prescribe  
7 further restrictions on the use of effluent water through rules and regulations.