SENATE . . . . No. 2217

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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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 pipeline siting.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*	
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*4/29/2021*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2217) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to pipeline siting. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2000* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act relative to pipeline siting.

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 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended by inserting, at the end

2   thereof, the following paragraph:-

3   The department shall not approve any pipeline capacity contract or gas storage contract

4   where new capacity is proposed to be created through the installation of gas infrastructure in land

5   that, at the time the contract is submitted to the department for approval, is protected under

6   Article 97 of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Subsequent

7   siting approvals of gas infrastructure in such constitutionally protected land shall void

8   departmental approval of related pipeline capacity or gas storage contracts.