

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2940**

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**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 authorizing the town of Aquinnah to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Julian Cyr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cape and Islands*

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2940) of Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Aquinnah to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local approval received]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Aquinnah to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction.

*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. Sections XXIX and XXX of the town of Aquinnah’s general by-laws,  
2           entitled “Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings” and  
3           “Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings,” are hereby ratified as  
4           adopted pursuant to Warrant Articles 14 and 15 of the Town’s 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and  
5           shall be in full force and effect as of the effective date of this act.

6           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding chapter 164 of the General Laws, section 13 of chapter  
7           142 of the General Laws, the State Building Code, or any other general or special law or  
8           regulation to the contrary, the town of Aquinnah is hereby authorized to adopt and further amend  
9           its general by-laws that restrict new construction or major renovation projects that do not qualify  
10          as fossil-fuel-free, as defined in section 4 of this act, and that require wiring to charge electric  
11          vehicles in new construction or major renovation projects.

12           SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 40A of the General laws, or any other  
13 general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the Building Inspector of the Town of  
14 Aquinnah, or any designee thereof, shall be authorized to enforce general by-laws adopted under  
15 this act imposing restrictions on new construction and major renovation projects that do not  
16 qualify as fossil-fuel-free, as defined in section 4 of this act, or requiring new construction and  
17 major renovation projects to include wiring to charge electric vehicles, including through the  
18 withholding of building permits.

19           SECTION 4. As used in this act, the term “fossil-fuel-free” shall refer to construction or  
20 renovation that results in an entire building or an entire condominium unit that does not utilize  
21 coal, oil, natural gas or other fossil fuels in support of its operation.

22           SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.