

SENATE No. 2940

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.