

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3175**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 regulating the location of pipelines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3175) of Steven S. Howitt relative to regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3325 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act regulating the location of pipelines.

*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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section after Section 75H:-

3 Section 75I. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary no new fossil fuel transmission pipelines shall be located in an area which is less than 1  
5 mile in linear distance from a playground, licensed day-care center, school, church, area of  
6 critical environmental concern, as determined by the secretary of environmental affairs pursuant  
7 to 301 CMR 12.00, or an area occupied by residential housing. This linear distance shall be  
8 measured from any point along a fossil fuel transmission pipeline to the outermost point of the  
9 aforementioned zones; provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase

10 capacity in any such pipeline in operation prior to January 1, 2024, shall not be subject to this  
11 section.