

HOUSE No. 3233

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

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 providing for a wind-farm study.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3233) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to providing for a study of the potential environmental impact of the installation and operation of offshore wind turbines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act providing for a wind-farm study.

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 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 29. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to the
3 installation of any offshore wind turbine, the secretary shall commission a study of the potential
4 environmental impact of the installation and operation of such offshore wind turbine. The study
5 shall investigate the potential impacts of the installation and operation of offshore wind turbines
6 on the area surrounding the proposed site of installation and operation, including, but not limited
7 to, the impact on the water, the ocean floor and the marine life in the surrounding area.

8 (b) The secretary shall file a report, including any findings on the environmental impact
9 of proposed offshore wind turbines, to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and
10 the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture no less than 180 days
11 before the installation of proposed offshore wind turbines is set to begin.