

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 790**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michelle M. DuBois***

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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 restricting the use of effluent water in cooling towers.**

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:                     | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |

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By Representative DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 790) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the use of effluent water in cooling towers. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 891 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 restricting the use of effluent water in cooling towers.

*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 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 27A the following section:-

3 Section 27B. Effluent water shall not be used in any cooling tower in the commonwealth.  
4 For the purposes of this section a cooling tower shall be any heat rejection device which rejects  
5 waste heat into the atmosphere through the cooling of a water stream to a lower temperature. The  
6 division shall advise the department regarding the enforcement of this section and may prescribe  
7 further restrictions on the use of effluent water through rules and regulations.