

SENATE No. 2086

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 relative to essential energy needs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2086) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to essential energy needs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to essential energy needs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subsection (b) of section 84 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the words “or to hospitals or medical offices regulated by the department of public
3 health as a health care facility.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “to hospitals
4 or medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility, or
5 commercial, industrial and institutional permitted installations.”

6 (b) The department of energy resources shall establish a demonstration project in which
7 cities and towns may, notwithstanding chapter 40A of the General Laws, section 13 of chapter
8 142 of the General Laws and chapter 164 of the General Laws or any other general or special law
9 to the contrary, adopt and amend general or zoning ordinances or by-laws that require new
10 building construction or major renovation projects to be fossil fuel-free, and enforce restrictions
11 and prohibitions on new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil
12 fuel-free, including through the withholding or conditioning of building permits; provided, that
13 said restrictions and prohibitions shall not apply to research laboratories for scientific or medical

- 14 research, or to hospitals or medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a
- 15 health care facility or commercial, industrial and institutional projects.