

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2165**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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 pipeline siting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2165) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation relative to pipeline siting. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2217 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to pipeline siting.

*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 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended by inserting, at the end  
2 thereof, the following paragraph:-

3 The department shall not approve any pipeline capacity contract or gas storage contract  
4 where new capacity is proposed to be created through the installation of gas infrastructure in land  
5 that, at the time the contract is submitted to the department for approval, is protected under  
6 Article 97 of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Subsequent  
7 siting approvals of gas infrastructure in such constitutionally protected land shall void  
8 departmental approval of related pipeline capacity or gas storage contracts.