

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2169**

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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 to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                 |                  |
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| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>       | <i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i> |                  |
| <i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i>              | <i>2/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>      | <i>Second Worcester</i>           | <i>3/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i>      | <i>3rd Bristol</i>                | <i>3/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>         | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>  | <i>3/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i>        | <i>Second Essex</i>               | <i>6/5/2023</i>  |

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2169) of Marc R. Pacheco and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as most  
2 recently amended by section 61 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by  
3 adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

4           Additionally, the schedule shall also ensure that the distribution companies enter into  
5 cost-effective long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation equal to approximately  
6 12,000 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than June 30, 2030 and equal to  
7 approximately 15,000 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than June 30, 2035.

8           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of energy  
9 resources may require distribution companies, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the  
10 General Laws, to jointly and competitively conduct additional offshore wind generation  
11 solicitations and procurements, if it finds it is necessary to meet the statewide greenhouse gas  
12 emissions limits established in chapter 21N of the General Laws.