

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3579**

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**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>1/3/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>4/22/2025</i>

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By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3579) 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3233 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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.