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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle M. DuBois

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*1/17/2025*

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By Representative DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 937) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the use of effluent water in cooling towers. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *790* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

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

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