

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1599**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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 protecting air quality from carbon-emitting energy generators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/28/2025</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1599) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to protect air quality from carbon-emitting energy generators. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1443 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to protecting air quality from carbon-emitting energy generators.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 142E the following new section:-

3           Section 142E 1/2. The department shall not approve an air quality plan or operating  
4 permit for a facility associated with the generation or transport of carbon-emitting energy sources  
5 to be located in any area where any air pollutant chemical or air pollutant compound as defined  
6 in 42 USC s. 7412 exceeds the ambient air toxics guidelines set forth by the department of  
7 environmental protection unless the applicant demonstrates to the department, and the  
8 department makes a finding, that operation of the facility is impossible at any other site in the  
9 commonwealth and that denial of the application is incompatible and irreconcilable with the

10 policies established under section 69H of chapter 164 to provide a necessary energy supply for  
11 the commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment.

12 SECTION 2. Section 69J of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “policies” in line 65 the  
14 following words:- “permitting, and licensure requirements,”.