

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dylan A. Fernandes

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 improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Dylan A. Fernandes

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Barnstable

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By Mr. Fernandes, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites.

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 2B of chapter 639 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by striking the first
2 paragraph and inserting the following:-

3 The director shall designate certain areas of the commonwealth as “nuclear power plant
4 areas”. For the purposes of this section, said areas shall consist of all communities located within
5 a fifty (50) mile radius of any nuclear power plant or inactive nuclear power plant storing nuclear
6 waste in a spent fuel pool or an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation until all the nuclear
7 waste leaves the site. This designation shall apply whether or not said NNP area is located within
8 the commonwealth. Such assessments may be made against active facilities, or inactive nuclear
9 power facilities that harbor spent nuclear fuel, high-level waste, or other nuclear material in spent
10 fuel pool or in an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation until the nuclear waste leaves the
11 site.