

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 authorizing the Buzzards Bay Water District to convey non-exclusive easements over a certain parcel of land.

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 authorize the Buzzards Bay Water District to convey non-exclusive easements over a certain parcel of land. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the Buzzards Bay Water District to convey non-exclusive easements over a certain parcel of land.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Buzzards
2 Bay Water District, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners, may convey to
3 Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, upon such terms and conditions and for the fair market value
4 or value in use, whichever is greater, as determined by an appraisal, non-exclusive permanent
5 and temporary easements, for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of
6 natural gas pipelines and related appurtenances, an access road, and temporary workspace, under
7 and through portions of property described in subsection (b). The Buzzards Bay Water District
8 shall deposit into and hold the consideration for the permanent easement and access road in a
9 segregated account dedicated solely for the acquisition and maintenance of land for the purposes
10 of article 97 of the amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth and shall use such
11 monies to acquire land or an interest in land for article 97 purposes within 3 years after the
12 conveyance.

13 (b) The property on which the easements may be granted is located at Bournedale Road,
14 Bourne, which property is identified as Assessor’s Parcel 10-52-0, and described in a deed
15 recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 2751, Page 145. The easements
16 that may be granted on the property are more particularly shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land
17 Buzzards Bay Water District Bournedale Road, Bourne, Massachusetts,” dated April 27, 2026,
18 prepared by VHB, as said plan may be amended, a copy of which plan is on file with the
19 Buzzards Bay Water District Clerk. The easements shown on the plan shall be for the benefit of
20 Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.