

HOUSE No. 2816

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 promote offshore wind development.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2816) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to offshore wind development. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to promote offshore wind development.

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. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
2 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out the figure
3 “1,600” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 3,600.

4 SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) in section 83C is hereby further amended by striking out
5 the words:- "June 30, 2027" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "June 30, 2025;
6 provided, however, that said distribution companies enter into cost effective long-term contracts
7 for offshore wind energy generation equal to approximately 1,600 megawatts of aggregate
8 nameplate capacity not later than June 30, 2021".

9 SECTION 3. Said subsection (b) in section 83C is hereby further amended by striking out
10 the words:- ", if applicable,".

11 SECTION 4. Said subsection (b) in section 83C is hereby further amended by striking out
12 the words "24 months" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "18 months".

13 SECTION 5. Said subsection (b) in section 83C is hereby further amended by striking out
14 the words "shall not approve a long-term contract that results from a subsequent solicitation and
15 procurement period if the levelized price per megawatt hour, plus associated transmission costs,
16 is greater than or equal to" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "shall approve a
17 long-term contract that results from a subsequent solicitation and procurement period if the
18 levelized price per megawatt hour, plus associated transmission costs, is less than or equal to, but
19 no greater than 5 per cent of,