

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2879**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Steven S. Howitt***

*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 regulating the location of pipelines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*4th Bristol*

*Paul A. Schmid, III*

*8th Bristol*

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2879) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1753 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act regulating the location of pipelines.

*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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 75I. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary no new fossil fuel transmission pipelines shall be located in an area which is less than 1  
5 mile in linear distance from a playground, licensed day-care center, school, church, area of  
6 critical environmental concern, as determined by the secretary of environmental affairs pursuant  
7 to 301 CMR 12.00, or an area occupied by residential housing. This linear distance shall be  
8 measured from any point along a fossil fuel transmission pipeline to the outermost point of the  
9 aforementioned zones; provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase

10 capacity in any such pipeline in operation prior to January 1, 2019, shall not be subject to this  
11 section.