

HOUSE No. 3147

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 relative to offshore wind.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3147) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to offshore wind energy generation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to offshore wind.

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, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the figure “5,600” and inserting in place thereof the following
4 figure:- 8,000.

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
6 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is
7 hereby further amended by striking out the words:- "June 30, 2027" and inserting in place thereof
8 the following words:- "June 30, 2026; provided, however, that said distribution companies enter
9 into cost effective long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation equal to
10 approximately 3,241 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity not later than June 30, 2022".

11 SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
12 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is
13 hereby further amended by striking out the words:- ", if applicable,".

14 SECTION 4. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
15 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is
16 hereby further amended by striking out the words "24 months" and inserting in place thereof the
17 following words:- "18 months."

18 SECTION 5. Subsection (b) of section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
19 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, is
20 hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:-

21 (e) The winning bid shall create and foster employment and economic development in the
22 Commonwealth and represent not less than twenty percent of the proposal's overall score in the
23 bids selection process. The winning bid shall be chosen by the selection committee which shall
24 consider all proposals and criteria in subsection (d) when making a final decision. The
25 committee shall consist of the following members: the secretary of energy and environmental
26 affairs, which shall be the chair; the attorney general; the secretary of the executive office of
27 housing; the secretary of the executive office of economic development; the secretary of the
28 executive office of labor and workforce development; and the house and senate chairs of the
29 joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy.