

HOUSE No. 676

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 regulate the incineration of solid waste.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 676) of Sean Garballey and others prohibiting additional incineration of solid waste materials. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 706 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act to regulate the incineration of solid waste.

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. Section 150A of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:—

3 No site in any city or town shall be assigned as a new site, or for the expansion of an
4 existing site of a facility for the combustion, incineration, thermal conversion, or gasification of
5 municipal solid waste or construction and demolition debris, or a resource recovery facility,
6 which is rated by the department at more than one ton of refuse per hour.

7 The department shall not grant a permit for a facility, or for the expansion of an existing
8 facility for the combustion, incineration, thermal conversion, or gasification of municipal solid

9 waste or construction and demolition debris, or a resource recovery facility, which is rated by the
10 department at more than one ton of refuse per hour.

11 SECTION 2. Said chapter 111 is hereby amended by inserting after section 150B the
12 following section:-

13 Section 150C

14 In sections one hundred fifty C, the following definitions shall, have the following
15 meaning:

16 “Incineration” - oxidation of solid waste by any means, including burning, thermal
17 conversion, pyrolysis, gasification, torrefaction or any other process which either causes thermal
18 conversion, rapid oxidation, or converts said material to a gaseous, liquid, or solid fuel that is to
19 be burned at the site where the conversion takes place, or in another location

20 “Anaerobic Digestion” – a series of processes in which microorganisms break down
21 biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen.

22 (A) The Department shall not approve, issue, or extend any permits for incineration of
23 municipal solid waste or construction and demolition debris which extend past April 22, 2024.

24 (B) The Department shall revoke any permits for incineration which extend past April 22,
25 2024

26 (C) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the establishment and permitting of facilities
27 which utilize Anaerobic Digestion

28 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.