

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1998**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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 hydrokinetic energy.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1998) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to hydrokinetic energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1729 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 relative to hydrokinetic energy.

*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 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting in line 30 after the words “a Class I net metering facility that is not an agricultural net  
3 metering facility or that is not using solar” the words:- “, hydrokinetic,”

4           SECTION 2. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
5 inserting in line 48 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net  
6 metering facility,”

7           SECTION 3. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
8 inserting in line 67 after the words “solar net metering facility,” the words:- “hydrokinetic net  
9 metering facility,”

10 SECTION 4. Section 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
11 inserting the following new paragraph:-

12 “Hydrokinetic net metering facility,” a facility for the production of electrical energy that  
13 uses: (a) waves, tides, and currents in oceans, estuaries, and tidal areas; (b) free-flowing water in  
14 rivers, lakes, and streams; (c) free-flowing water in man-made channels; or (d) differentials in  
15 ocean temperature, called ocean thermal energy conversion to generate electricity and is  
16 interconnected to a distribution company.