

SENATE No. 2165

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 pipeline siting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2165) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation relative to pipeline siting. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2217 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to pipeline siting.

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 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended by inserting, at the end
2 thereof, the following paragraph:-

3 The department shall not approve any pipeline capacity contract or gas storage contract
4 where new capacity is proposed to be created through the installation of gas infrastructure in land
5 that, at the time the contract is submitted to the department for approval, is protected under
6 Article 97 of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Subsequent
7 siting approvals of gas infrastructure in such constitutionally protected land shall void
8 departmental approval of related pipeline capacity or gas storage contracts.