

HOUSE No. 2020

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 creating public education zones near nuclear facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul W. Mark

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Berkshire

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2020) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to create public education zones near nuclear facilities. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act creating public education zones near nuclear facilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended in Section 5K by inserting the
2 following section:

3 (I) The Department shall create a Public Education Zone for areas between 10 and 35
4 miles from a nuclear reactor or nuclear fuel disposal site. The utility company, in coordination
5 with the department, shall distribute at their expense educational materials about nuclear power
6 plant operations and fuel storage facility procedures, what to expect in the event of an accident,
7 and what plans are in place for public protection. This educational material shall be made
8 available to residents, businesses, and transient populations.

9 (J) The Department shall conduct a study on expanding the Plume Exposure Pathway
10 Emergency Planning Zone from 10 miles to 50 miles. The Department shall furnish a report to
11 the legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, Joint Committee on
12 Public Health, the Governor, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on this matter with
13 guidelines for implementation.