

HOUSE No. 2049

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning Department of Public Health reviews.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

George N. Peterson, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

9th Worcester

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2049) of George N. Peterson, Jr. relative to community reviews of the siting and health impact caused by wind turbines in residential neighborhoods. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act concerning Department of Public Health reviews.

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. (a) There shall be a working group established between the Department of
- 2 Public Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Municipal
- 3 Association, the Massachusetts Selectman’s Association and the Massachusetts Association of
- 4 Boards of Health to determine the scope and process of community reviews for the siting of and
- 5 impacts caused by wind turbines in residential neighborhoods and to abutters of said turbines.

- 6 (b)The scope and process of community reviews shall include but not be limited to:
- 7 visiting a site over a period of time to gauge the varying degrees of wind strength, monitoring
- 8 noise levels over a certain period of time to gauge the impact, assessing the impacts of wind
- 9 turbine noise, flicker and other impacts on the health of individuals living within 3,000’ of said
- 10 turbines, and any other issues that said working group feels are important to local communities
- 11 impacted by the siting of said wind turbines