

HOUSE No. 3176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 redefining natural gas compressor station.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3176) of Steven S. Howitt relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3326 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act redefining natural gas compressor station.

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 1 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as appearing in in the 2020
2 official edition is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition:-

3 “Natural Gas Compressor Station”, a facility designed and constructed to compress
4 natural gas that originates from an oil and gas well or collection of such wells operating as a
5 midstream facility for delivery of oil and gas to a transmission pipeline, distribution pipeline,
6 natural gas processing plant or underground storage field, including one or more natural gas
7 compressors, associated buildings, pipes valves, tanks and other equipment.

8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any natural gas
9 compressor stations, as defined in SECTION 1 which are operationally and physically similar to

- 10 an industrial use shall only be appropriate in industrial zoning districts, as provided in chapter
- 11 40E.