

SENATE No. 2124

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2023</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2124) of Paul R. Feeney, Marc R. Pacheco, Jacob R. Oliveira, Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2173 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair.

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 2 of chapter 164, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition of the General Laws,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:-

3 All construction, reconstruction, installation, alteration, or repair not performed by gas or
4 electric public utility employees on public infrastructure shall be performed and procured under
5 sections 26 through 27F of chapter 149 inclusive and section 39M of chapter 30. The gas and
6 electric utilities shall request from the department of labor standards prevailing wage rate sheets
7 for each municipality they are working in once every six months.

8 The department, under chapter 30A and in consultation with all gas and electric utilities,
9 shall within one year promulgate rules and regulations for the training and implementation of a

- 10 certification program for contractors and their employees repairing or performing work on public
- 11 infrastructure in the Commonwealth.