

SENATE No. 2227

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 to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2227) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2010 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
2 of energy resources may require distribution companies, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of
3 the General Laws, to jointly and competitively conduct additional offshore wind generation
4 solicitations and procurements, if it finds it is necessary to meet the statewide greenhouse gas
5 emissions limits established in chapter 21N of the General Laws. Any selected projects must use
6 practices to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impact to wildlife, natural resources, ecosystems, and
7 traditional or existing water-dependent uses.