

By Mr. Norton of Fall River, petition of Thomas C. Norton relative to the construction of strategic petroleum reserve within the Commonwealth. Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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AN ACT TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.

*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 25A of the General Laws , as appearing in chapter 796  
2 of the acts of 1979, is hereby amended by adding after section 12 the  
3 following new section 13: —

4 *Section 13.* The department is hereby authorized and directed  
5 to establish an underground strategic petroleum reserve within the  
6 Commonwealth. The department shall maintain primary responsi-  
7 bility for overseeing all developments necessary in carrying out the  
8 provisions of this act.

9 Within thirty days (30) of the acceptance of this act, the depart-  
10 ment shall submit proposals for bidding for the construction of the  
11 reserve. The financing of the construction of the reserve shall come  
12 from a special fund to be established by the State Treasurer. Said  
13 fund shall consist of a bond authorization of a maximum sum not  
14 to exceed 100 million dollars which may be appropriated over a  
15 period not exceeding three years.

16 The department shall also have primary responsibility for locat-  
17 ing a site for the facility, and in determining the best means for its  
18 operation, which shall include whatever storage capacity needed  
19 by the Commonwealth. Any private company seeking storage ca-  
20 pacity at the facility shall be charged a reasonable fee, to be  
21 determined by the department. All fees collected shall be used to  
22 offset the operating costs of the facility.

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