

By Mr. Costello, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 378) of Nicholas J. Costello, Barbara Hildt and Thomas G. Palumbo for legislation to require local approval of radiological emergency response plans. Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL APPROVAL OF RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS.**

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to guarantee local input and approval  
3 of radiological emergency response plans by the citizens to be  
4 protected by such plans; therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
6 public convenience.

*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. The first paragraph of section 2B of chapter 639  
2 of the acts of 1950, as added by section 24 of chapter 796 of the  
3 acts of 1979, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:—  
5 For the purposes of this section, said areas shall consist of all  
6 communities within a ten mile radius of an existing or proposed  
7 nuclear power plant, whether or not said power plant is located  
8 within the commonwealth. No state or local emergency response  
9 plan shall be submitted by the governor of the commonwealth to  
10 the federal emergency management agency pursuant to 44 code  
11 of federal regulations, section 350.12 or to the United States  
12 Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to 10 code of federal  
13 regulations, part 50, without the approval of a majority of the  
14 voters within the nuclear power plant area pursuant to section 2C  
15 of this chapter.

