

By Mr. Cahoon of Chatham, petition of Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., and Paul V. Doane for legislation to establish a board of registration of wind turbine operators. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF WIND TURBINE OPERATORS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF WIND TURBINE SELLERS AND OPERATORS.

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. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following five sections: —

3 Section 85. There shall be a board of registration of wind
4 turbine operators, hereinafter called the board, which shall consist
5 of three members to be appointed by the governor. Of the
6 members of the board, one shall be a seller of wind turbine and
7 generators, one shall be an operator of same, and one shall be
8 a representative of the public.

9 Section 86. The term of office of each member of the board
10 shall be three years, except that of the members of the first board,
11 one shall be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be
12 appointed for a term of one year.

13 Section 87. The governor shall have the power to remove from
14 office any member of the board for cause, after hearing and notice
15 in writing of the reasons for removal.

16 Section 88. The members of the board shall serve without
17 compensation but each member shall be reimbursed for actual
18 expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of his duties as
19 a member of the board.

20 Section 89. The board shall hold at least two regular meetings
21 in each year for the purpose of examining applications for licenses
22 and the transaction of other business. The board shall annually

23 select its own chairman, and shall adopt rules and regulations for
24 the licensing of sellers and operators of wind turbines and
25 generators.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following three sections: —

3 Section 138. No person shall operate any wind turbine or
4 generator consisting of more than twenty horsepower unless he
5 is licensed by the board of registration of wind turbines.

6 Section 139. No person shall sell any wind turbines or
7 generators of more than five horsepower unless he is licensed by
8 the board of registration of wind turbines and has arranged for
9 such a wind turbine to be installed by a licensed wind turbine
10 operator.

11 Section 140. The board of registration of wind turbines shall
12 establish the fees for such licenses and qualifications therefor.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections one
2 and two of this act, any person who on the effective date of this
3 act sells and operates wind turbines and generators as a principal
4 means of a livelihood shall be licensed by the board of registration
5 of wind turbines without satisfaction of any requirements
6 established by the board.