

HOUSE No. 2621

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander, Nicholas J. Costello, David P. Magnani and John C. Bradford relative to alternative fuels development. Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE FUELS DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The executive office of energy resources shall, in conjunction
- 2 with the department of environmental quality engineering,
- 3 division of air quality control, investigate the benefits and costs
- 4 of increasing the usage of alcohol-based fuels in the Common-
- 5 wealth. This investigation shall include but not be limited to:
- 6 1) Design of a pilot program involving both publicly and
- 7 privately operated motor vehicles.
- 8 2) Assessment of the environmental impact resulting from the
- 9 increased use of alcohol-based fuels in different sectors of the
- 10 transportation industry and the possible role for alcohol fuels in
- 11 existing air quality control strategies.
- 12 3) Assessment of the economic impact resulting from the
- 13 increased use of alcohol-based fuels in different sectors of the
- 14 transportation industry including effects on the price and
- 15 availability of consumer motor fuels, and evaluation of the
- 16 existing and potential capacity for the local production of alcohol
- 17 fuels.
- 18 4) A joint recommendation as to the optimal role for alcohol
- 19 fuels in the Massachusetts transportation industry.

