

By Mr. Goyette of New Bedford, petition of Roger R. Goyette for legislation to encourage the use of solid waste as a source of energy. Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF SOLID WASTE AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY.**

*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. Section 150A of chapter III of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended  
3 by section 4 of chapter 197 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 As used in this section the following words shall, unless the  
6 context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings: —

7 “Facility”, a sanitary landfill, refuse transfer station, refuse  
8 incinerator with a grate area in excess of ten square feet, refuse  
9 composting plant, residual waste storage or treatment plant,  
10 dumping ground for refuse or any other works for treating  
11 disposing of refuse.

12 “Refuse”, all solid or liquid waste materials, including garbage  
13 and rubbish, sludge and residual waste, but not including sewage.

14 “Resource recovery facility”, a solid waste disposal facility  
15 utilizing processes for reclaiming the energy values from solid  
16 wastes.

17 “Sanitary landfill-resource recovery facility”, a sanitary landfill  
18 operated in conjunction with a resource recovery facility with the  
19 same city or town.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of said section 150A of

2 said chapter 111, as amended by section 181 of chapter 706 of the  
3 acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 sentence: —

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, an assign-  
6 ment for a sanitary landfill-resource recovery facility in a city or  
7 town which has been approved by the local board of health and by  
8 the department of environmental quality engineering shall be  
9 deemed to be in compliance with the municipal zoning by-laws.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 150A of said chapter 111, as most  
2 recently amended by section 2 of chapter 232 of the acts of 1982, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

4 All utility companies subject to regulation by the common-  
5 wealth shall purchase power from sanitary landfill-resource  
6 recover facilities in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
7 commissioner. Said regulations shall provide for a rate of  
8 purchase of not less than ninety per cent of production costs.