

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 361) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to the production of wind energy in Boston Harbor. Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PRODUCTION OF WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION IN BOSTON HARBOR.

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

1 It is hereby found and declared that Boston Harbor is consis-
2 tently an area that generates higher than average wind speeds,
3 classified as level 4 for wind strength.

4 It is further found that wind energy is considered a clean and
5 renewable energy resource.

6 It is further found that the Boston region is beset by high
7 energy costs from fossil fuels that burden local businesses and
8 residents, necessitating a need to consider alternative sources of
9 power generation;

10 Therefore, notwithstanding any general or special law to the
11 contrary, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the
12 Department of Energy Resources, working in conjunction with
13 other relevant federal, state and local agencies and government
14 departments and private and non-profit energy providers and
15 advocacy organizations, is hereby required to conduct a study into
16 the feasibility of wind energy generation in the area of Boston
17 Harbor. Said study must include an analysis of possible locations
18 for the creation of a "wind energy farm" on a land site in Boston
19 Harbor; the costs of creating such an operation; the environmental
20 impacts of wind-energy; and the potential for a public-private
21 partnership to generate wind energy in the Boston region. The
22 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Department of
23 Energy Resources must consider examples of successful wind

24 energy production in other areas of the United States and in other
25 nations, most notably in Western Europe and Asia, during said
26 study. Said study must be submitted to the General Court's joint
27 committee on energy no later than January 1, 2002.