

By Mr. Barrett of Reading, petition of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to make available low-cost Canadian hydroelectric power to the people of the Commonwealth. Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO MAKE AVAILABLE LOW-COST CANADIAN HYDROELECTRIC POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this Com-
2 monwealth to encourage electric utilities, both public and private-
3 ly-owned, to secure contracts for sales of electricity produced at
4 hydroelectric stations in Canada when this power is economically
5 competitive with electricity produced in the United States.

1 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting
2 Council, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Chapter of
3 the General Laws is hereby ordered to undertake a study of the
4 feasibility of large imports of hydroelectric power produced in
5 Canada, particularly in the provinces of Quebec and New Bruns-
6 wick. Said study shall include an economic analysis of the cost in
7 mills per kwh that could be negotiated for Canadian hydroelectric-
8 ity, the need and cost for new transmission interconnections and
9 high voltage lines, the types of terms which might be negotiated in
10 contracts for such power and related issues.

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