

HOUSE No. 4254

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 12, 1999.

The committee on Energy, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 218) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to establish a preference for wood-fired electric generation facilities in the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4254) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN J. BINIENDA.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WOOD-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES.

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 1 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “wholesale electric generation”, the
4 following new definition:—

5 “Wood-Fired Electric Generation Facility,” a facility which any
6 electrical generating unit which produces electric energy solely by
7 the use, as a primary fuel source, of biomass fuel sources,
8 included but not limited to, wood chips, silvicultural forest thin-
9 nings, forest industry waste wood, clean waste wood such as pal-
10 lets, crates, and cable spools, and agricultural land conversion,
11 and land clearing for development, and has a power production
12 capacity which, together with any other facilities located at the
13 same site, is not greater than 30 megawatts.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4E of Chapter 40J is amended by
2 inserting the following new sub-section:—

3 (f)(3) The board shall make available from monies in the fund
4 in accordance with subsection (a) a grant to Mount Wachusett
5 Community College for the implementation of a large-scale wood-
6 fired electric generation unit.