

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mathew J. Muratore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act updating the decommissioning oversight of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act updating the decommissioning oversight of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.

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: Chapter 188, section 14 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (a) and replacing paragraph (a) with
3 the following:- SECTION 14. (a) “There shall be created a Pilgrim Decommissioning State
4 Oversight Panel which shall consist of state officials or their staff designee, scientific and
5 technical experts, local officials, a retiree of Pilgrim Station with technical expertise in
6 environmental areas and/or physical security, a representative of a local environmental group,
7 and two at-large appointees as follows: the Governor of the Commonwealth; the Attorney
8 General of the Commonwealth; the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs; the
9 Commissioner of Public Utilities; the Secretary of Health and Human Services; the Director of
10 the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; the Secretary of Economic Development;
11 the Director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Radiological Control Program;
12 the Chairman of the Plymouth Selectboard or Town of Plymouth staff designee; a retiree
13 representative of Pilgrim Station with technical expertise in environmental areas and/or physical
14 security, appointed by Chairperson of the panel upon majority approval by the panel; a

15 representative of the Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation; a technical expert
16 with knowledge of decommissioning and spent nuclear fuel management issues, appointed by
17 the Chairman of the Panel upon majority approval by the panel; a representative of the local
18 environmental community, selected by the Plymouth Selectboard; and two at-large appointees,
19 one each recommended by the State Senator and State Representative who represent the former
20 Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station location and appointed by the Senate President and Speaker of the
21 House respectively.”

22 SECTION 2. Said section 14, as so appearing, is further amended in subsection (b) by
23 replacing in its entirety a new subsection (b) as follows:- “Each non-designated appointee to the
24 Panel shall serve for a 3-year term unless they resign to the appointing authority in writing.”

25 SECTION 3. Said section 14, as so appearing, is further amended by deleting subsection
26 (f).

27 SECTION 4. Said section 14, as so appearing, in subsection (i) (2) is further amended by
28 striking after the word “operations;” the words “provided the panel may hold additional
29 meetings:”

30 SECTION 5. Said section 14, as so appearing, in subsection (i) (5) is further amended by
31 striking subsection (5) and replacing it as follows:- “(5) To convey the compliance and status of
32 the Comprehensive Agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Holtec
33 Decommissioning International signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Office of the
34 Attorney General on June 16, 2020.”

35 SECTION 6. Said section 14, as so appearing, in subsection (i) (6) is further amended by
36 striking subsection (6) in its entirety and replacing it as follows:- “(6) The panel shall meet

37 quarterly as set forth in subsection (i) through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC)
38 partial site release of the property and annually until the spent fuel is removed from the site and
39 the NRC license is terminated."