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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David B. Sullivan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to Ch. 91 licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*
James B. Eldridge	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of David B. Sullivan and James B. Eldridge relative to liquefied natural gas terminal or ancillary facility licensing requirements. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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An Act relative to Ch. 91 licensing.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general law or regulation to the contrary, before issuing a license under chapter 91 of the general laws for any liquefied natural gas terminal or ancillary facility thereto, the department of environmental protection must determine that such facilities serve a proper public purpose and that the public benefits of licensing such facilities exceed the detriments, taking into account factors that include, but are not limited to, navigational safety; potential impacts to commercial and recreational navigation, the benthic and aquatic environment, fisheries and shellfishing; proximity to residences, elderly housing complexes, schools, hospitals, health care facilities and other population and demographic characteristics; emergency response capabilities; and the extent to which a proposed technology has been used successfully in other similar projects or applications. This act shall apply to all liquefied natural gas terminals or ancillary facilities thereto that have not received a chapter 91 license prior to the effective date of this act.