

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1944**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*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 relative to improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1944) of Julian Cyr and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to improving reliability and resiliency of electricity distribution infrastructure.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the undertaking of a  
2 significant project on a public way exposing wastewater infrastructure, and with sufficient  
3 notice, a municipality or the commonwealth shall submit written notification of the project to the  
4 electrical utility. The utility shall survey the project area for the reliability of electrical  
5 distribution lines and review repair and replacement schedules for electrical lines in the project  
6 area. The utility shall also assess the resiliency of electrical transmission lines relative to climate  
7 resiliency, including but not limited to impacts from coastal storms. The electrical utility shall  
8 provide the repair and replacement schedule of transmission lines to the municipality or the  
9 commonwealth.