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Encourage reduction in carbon emissions

Mr. Rodrigues moves to amend the bill by adding the following section:-

SECTION XX. Section 22 of chapter 21A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of subsection (b) the following:-

Parcels of land on which electric generating plants previously were operated shall be designated as preferred sites for reuse as electric generation sites for all technologies. With such designation, the owner of the new generation facility, one which receives a Capacity Supply Obligation in the ISO-NE's Forward Capacity Market No. 10 or later, shall receive on January 1 of each of the first five years that the new facility has achieved commercial operation, from the Commonwealth at no cost to the owner, emission allowances to be used under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or successor program, during such first five years of commercial operation, if said new electric generation facility is able to demonstrate documented reduction in the emissions rate of 33 1/3 percent using as a baseline the average emission rate of the electric generating plant previously operated on such site during its last 24 months of operation. The total number of the emission allowances that may be granted by the commonwealth in any calendar year under this section shall be limited to one-third of the total number of allowances allocated to the commonwealth, with no new facility receiving more than 1,000,000 allowances in any such calendar year.