

**Amendment ID: S2372-87****Amendment 87****DPU SEMA Region Study**

Messrs. Rodrigues, deMacedo, Timilty and Montigny move to amend the bill by inserting the following section:-

SECTION\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 30 days after the effective date of this act, the department of public utilities shall open a docket to investigate the need for additional capacity in the Southeastern Massachusetts load zone region within the next 10 years. This investigation shall be completed by March 15, 2017. If there is a demonstration that the ISO-New England forward capacity auction immediately preceding March 15, 2017 concluded with total capacity, including excess generating capacity, in such load zone in an amount less than the capacity expected to be needed to reliably serve the load to such load zone during the next subsequent auction after taking into account any delist or retirement bids, the department shall determine whether there is a need for additional electric generating capacity in the Southeastern Massachusetts load zone region. Such a demonstration shall be conclusive proof of the need for additional electric generating capacity in the Southeastern Massachusetts load zone region. In making its determination, the department shall include consideration of ISO-New England findings and of the anticipated function of the capacity market in New England.

If the department issues a finding that there is need for additional electric generating capacity in the SEMA region within the next 10 years, the department may consider the findings prior to the approval of any long-term contract under sections 83B through 83D, inclusive, of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008 and, to the extent practicable, require that any new long term contract reasonably demonstrate the delivery of new energy resources to meet said need.