

SENATE No. 2180

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to ensure adequate and affordable energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2180) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to ensure adequate and affordable energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act to ensure adequate and affordable energy.

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. Not later than September 30, 2023 and every 3 years thereafter, the
2 secretary of energy and environmental affairs or a designee shall publish a comprehensive
3 energy plan as established under executive order 569 which shall include and be based upon
4 reasonable projections of the commonwealth’s energy demands for electricity, transportation and
5 thermal conditioning and shall also include strategies for meeting those demands in a regional
6 context, prioritizing meeting energy demand through conservation, energy efficiency and other
7 demand-reduction resources in a manner that contributes to the commonwealth meeting the
8 limits for 2030 and 2040 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 of chapter 21N of the General
9 Laws.”

10 SECTION 2. The department of energy resources in conjunction with the executive
11 office of environmental affairs shall monitor available supplies and projected costs of energy so
12 as to determine if within 12 months there will be a foreseeable deficiency in the amount of
13 energy reasonably expected to meet demand, or that one or more conditions will be reasonably

14 expected to cause an increase to consumers of more than ten percent, provided that if either of
15 these are so determined, the department of energy resources in conjunction with the executive
16 office of environmental affairs, shall develop a contingency plan to prevent, mitigate, or
17 otherwise address their impacts. Such contingency plan shall contain, to the maximum feasible
18 extent :

19 a) the cause of such deficiency or cost increase and the probability that it will occur

20 b) one or more actions than can be undertaken on a timely basis to prevent, mitigate, or
21 otherwise address one or more of these impacts

22 c) identify the appropriate entity of state government to take such actions

23 d) an estimated time frame for such actions to be implemented

24 The development of such contingency plan shall include not less than one public hearing,
25 the ability to receive written testimony, and consultation with the department of public utilities,
26 the department of telecommunications and energy, the clean energy center, the attorney general
27 of the commonwealth, and, to the extent possible and where relevant, the independent systems
28 operator for the New England. Said plan shall be filed with the Joint Committee on
29 Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, and the clerks of the House and Senate, whom shall
30 post it electronically for public inspection.