

HOUSE No. 2621

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Madden and Sarah K. Peake

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 encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:
Timothy R. Madden

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

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By Representatives Madden of Nantucket and Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2621) of Timothy R. Madden relative to energy efficiency and conservation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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An Act relative to encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

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

1 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth encourages the reduction of usage and demand of fossil
2 fuels, and a reduction of harmful emissions; and

3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is already developing and encouraging the use of
4 alternative Energy by implementing renewable energy portfolio standards for retail electricity
5 suppliers, and

6 WHEREAS, current RPS polices require an increasing portion of the state's electricity
7 consumption to come from renewable power sources, and

8 WHEREAS, improved efficiency and conservation of energy is an effective strategy for
9 lessening dependence on fossil fuels and addressing global climate change, and

10 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has an interest in encouraging retail electricity suppliers
11 to expand investment in energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

12 WHEREAS, there is a national trend to expand the RPS portfolio options to encourage
13 reduction of energy demand through energy efficiency and energy conservation to address global
14 climate change, and

15 WHEREAS, there is a great potential for achieving significant reductions in greenhouse
16 gas emissions through enhanced energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

17 WHEREAS, energy efficiency and energy conservation are inexpensive and immediately
18 deployable climate change solutions, and

19 WHEREAS, electricity energy efficiency programs in the Commonwealth are currently
20 meeting only one-third of the annual growth in electricity demand, and

21 WHEREAS, expanding PRS portfolio options to encourage reduction of energy demand
22 will help address these important issues,

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary,
27 Chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended
28 by inserting after Section 11 F 1/2 (d), added by 2008, 169, Sec. 32 effective January 1, 2009.
29 See 2008, 169, Sec. 119, the following Section:

30 Section e.

31 (e) The Department shall incorporate such measures into the alternative energy portfolio
32 standard for all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the
33 Commonwealth to allow for energy efficiency and energy conservation to constitute up to five
34 percent of the alternative energy portfolio. The department shall adopt regulations that establish
35 the means through which a supplier can comply with this provision.