

**SENATE . . . . . No. 665**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Tolman**

*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 bill:

An Act to conserve conventional fuel energy by making more effecient use of solar energy

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00781 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT TO CONSERVE CONVENTIONAL FUEL ENERGY BY MAKING MORE EFFECIENT  
USE OF SOLAR 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. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2           section 21 the following new section:--

3           SECTION 22. The owner of a two family apartment building, when said owner occupies one of  
4           the apartments, may, with the willing consent of the tenant, install a water meter on his solar hot  
5           water tank and charge the tenant for hot water drawn from said solar tank. Any such water meter  
6           must be installed so that it measures only the solar hot water used by the tenant.

7           Charges for solar hot water shall be at the current rate charged to the owner by the entity  
8           supplying the water. It shall be the responsibility of the tenant to notify the owner of any  
9           problem in the hot water system, which might cause an increase in hot water used. If the owner  
10          fails to repair the problem within five working days after notification, the tenant may contract to  
11          have the necessary repairs made at the expense of the owner.