

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1565**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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 requiring the timely adoption of greenhouse gas emission limits for the year 2030.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*William N. Brownsberger*

*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*

*David M. Rogers*

*24th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1565) of William N. Brownsberger and David M. Rogers for legislation relative to greenhouse gas emission limits. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 219 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act requiring the timely adoption of greenhouse gas emission limits for the year 2030.

*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: Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, clause (2) of  
2 subsection (b) of section 3 of Chapter 21N shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2014.

3           Section 2: Section 4(a) of Chapter 21N is amended by striking the text thereof and  
4 replacing it with the following new text:

5           "The secretary shall adopt the 2020 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant to  
6 subsection (b) of section 3 which shall be between 10 per cent and 25 per cent below the 1990  
7 emissions level and a plan for achieving said reduction. The secretary shall further adopt the  
8 2030 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 which  
9 shall be between 45 per cent and 60 per cent below the 1990 emissions level and a plan for  
10 achieving said reduction. The secretary shall consult with all state agencies and regional  
11 authorities with jurisdiction over sources of greenhouse gases on all elements of the emissions  
12 limits and plans that pertain to energy-related matters including, but not limited to, electrical  
13 generation, load based-standards or requirements, the provision of reliable and affordable  
14 electrical service and statewide fuel supplies, to ensure the greenhouse gas emissions reduction  
15 activities to be adopted and implemented by the secretary are complementary, non-duplicative  
16 and can be implemented in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The 2020 and 2030 statewide  
17 emissions limits and implementation plans shall comply with this section."

18           Section 3: Section 4(b) of Chapter 21N is amended by replacing the word "limit" with the  
19 word "limits":

20           Section 4: Section 4(g) of Chapter 21N is amended by striking the phrase "2020 emission  
21 limit and implementing plan" and replacing it with the phrase "2020 and 2030 emission limits  
22 and implementing plans".

23           Section 5: Section 16 of Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008 are amended by striking the  
24 phrase "and shall expire on December 31, 2020."

25           Section 6: The statewide initiative necessary to accomplish the 2030 emissions limit  
26 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4 of chapter 21N shall be adopted no later than January 1,  
27 2015.