

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2085**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**

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. Section 4 of Chapter 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following subsection:-

4           (a) The secretary shall adopt the 2020 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant  
5 to subsection (b) of section 3 which shall be between 10 per cent and 25 per cent below the 1990  
6 emissions level and a plan for achieving said reduction. The secretary shall further adopt the  
7 2030 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit pursuant to subsection (b) of section 3 which  
8 shall be between 35 per cent and 60 per cent below the 1990 emissions level and a plan for  
9 achieving said reduction. The secretary shall consult with all state agencies and regional  
10 authorities with jurisdiction over sources of greenhouse gases on all elements of the emissions  
11 limits and plans that pertain to energy-related matters including, but not limited to, electrical  
12 generation, load based-standards or requirements, the provision of reliable and affordable  
13 electrical service and statewide fuel supplies, to ensure the greenhouse gas emissions reduction  
14 activities to be adopted and implemented by the secretary are complementary, non-duplicative  
15 and can be implemented in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The 2020 and 2030 statewide  
16 emissions limits and implementation plans shall comply with this section.

17           SECTION 2. Said section 4 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby further  
18 amended by striking out, in line 16, the word "limit" and inserting in place thereof the following  
19 word:- limits

20           SECTION 3. Said section 4 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby further  
21 amended by striking out, in lines 37 and 38, the words "2020 emission limit and implementing  
22 plan" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 2020 and 2030 emission limits and  
23 implementing plans

24 SECTION 4. Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out section  
25 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

26 Section 16. The department of environmental protection shall promulgate regulations  
27 pursuant to subsection (d) of said section 3 of said chapter 21N not later than January 1, 2012,  
28 which regulations shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

29 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, clause (2)  
30 of subsection (b) of section 3 of Chapter 21N of the General Laws shall be implemented no later  
31 than January 1, 2021.

32 SECTION 6. The 2030 statewide greenhouse gas initiative required to be adopted  
33 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4 of said chapter 21N shall be adopted no later than January  
34 1, 2021.