

HOUSE No. 3309

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 providing certain property owners with royalties related to the extraction of natural gas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3309) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to providing certain property owners with royalties related to the extraction of natural gas. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act providing certain property owners with royalties related to the extraction of natural gas.

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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 75C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 75C ½. Any natural gas pipeline company shall pay, in addition to any damages
4 paid pursuant to section 7 of chapter 79 upon a taking under section 75C, a royalty of at least
5 12.5 per cent of the wholesale price of natural gas sold for use in a foreign country. The royalty
6 shall be divided and distributed to all persons owning property in the commonwealth that was
7 taken by the company pursuant to section 75C for the right to convey or remove natural gas
8 based on the proportion of the length of pipelines located on their property.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all future takings made on behalf of a natural gas
10 company conveying the right to remove or recover natural gas in the commonwealth. Nothing in
11 this act shall be construed to require the retroactive recalculation or repayment of damages paid
12 pursuant to chapter 79 of the General Laws prior to the effective date of this act.