

SENATE No. 1780

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 relative to the sale of natural gas as a motor fuel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael O. Moore

Second Worcester

Chris Walsh

6th Middlesex

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1780) of Michael O. Moore and Chris Walsh for legislation relative to the sale of natural gas as a motor fuel. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to the sale of natural gas as a motor fuel.

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 94½ of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby struck in its entirety and replaced with the following new section:-

3 “Section 94½: (a) Natural gas sold by a fueling station for use in a motor vehicle shall be
4 known as a special fuel as defined in section 1 of Chapter 64E and shall be subject to the
5 regulations of said chapter, provided, however, that any gas company which sells compressed or
6 liquefied natural gas for use as a motor vehicle fuel shall keep separate records, book, and
7 accounts of such sales which are sufficient to allow the department to allocate costs and
8 revenues; and provided, further, that such gas companies sale of compressed natural gas for use
9 as a motor vehicle fuel and its investment in related infrastructure shall not reduce the
10 availability or increase the costs of natural gas to said company’s customers who purchase
11 natural gas for use other than as a motor vehicle fuel,

12 (b) Compressed natural gas to be sold by a fueling station for use in a motor vehicle shall
13 be dispensed in gasoline gallon equivalents, which shall reflect the energy content of one gallon
14 of gasoline, which is equal to 5.66 pounds of compressed natural gas,

15 (c) Liquefied natural gas to be sold by a fueling station for use in a motor vehicle shall be
16 dispensed in diesel gallon equivalents, which shall reflect the energy content of one gallon of
17 diesel, which is equal to 6.06 pounds of liquefied natural gas,

18 (c) The department may revise gallon equivalents to reflect the most recent and accurate
19 energy content of motor vehicle fuels, taking into consideration the standards adopted by the
20 National Conference on Weights and Measures

21 (d) The department may establish from time to time such reasonable rules and regulations
22 consistent with this chapter as may be necessary to carry out the administration thereof.