

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3985**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to prevent propane gas suppliers from shutting off fuel during the winter..

*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 124H of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:-

4           No gas, propane gas or electric company shall between November fifteenth and March  
5 fifteenth shut off gas, propane gas or electric service to any residential customer who cannot pay  
6 an overdue charge because of financial hardship, when such gas, propane gas or electric service  
7 is used to provide heat or to operate the heating system of the customer’s unit or building.