

SENATE No. 378

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to promote alternative energy on farms..

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. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and
2 directed to establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation
3 with MasDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups
4 of farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems;
5 implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving
6 systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In
7 establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent
8 practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the
9 purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving
10 linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed
11 appropriate by DAR.