

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2621**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Timothy R. Madden and Sarah K. Peake*

*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 encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                      | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Timothy R. Madden</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>1/20/2011</i> |

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By Representatives Madden of Nantucket and Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2621) of Timothy R. Madden relative to energy efficiency and conservation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth encourages the reduction of usage and demand of fossil  
2 fuels, and a reduction of harmful emissions; and

3           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is already developing and encouraging the use of  
4 alternative Energy by implementing renewable energy portfolio standards for retail electricity  
5 suppliers, and

6           WHEREAS, current RPS polices require an increasing portion of the state's electricity  
7 consumption to come from renewable power sources, and

8           WHEREAS, improved efficiency and conservation of energy is an effective strategy for  
9 lessening dependence on fossil fuels and addressing global climate change, and

10           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has an interest in encouraging retail electricity suppliers  
11 to expand investment in energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

12           WHEREAS, there is a national trend to expand the RPS portfolio options to encourage  
13 reduction of energy demand through energy efficiency and energy conservation to address global  
14 climate change, and

15           WHEREAS, there is a great potential for achieving significant reductions in greenhouse  
16 gas emissions through enhanced energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

17           WHEREAS, energy efficiency and energy conservation are inexpensive and immediately  
18 deployable climate change solutions, and

19           WHEREAS, electricity energy efficiency programs in the Commonwealth are currently  
20 meeting only one-third of the annual growth in electricity demand, and

21           WHEREAS, expanding PRS portfolio options to encourage reduction of energy demand  
22 will help address these important issues,

23           NOW, THEREFORE,

24           Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
25 and by the authority of the same, as follows:

26           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary,  
27 Chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
28 by inserting after Section 11 F 1/2 (d), added by 2008, 169, Sec. 32 effective January 1, 2009.

29 See 2008, 169, Sec. 119, the following Section:

30           Section e.

31           (e) The Department shall incorporate such measures into the alternative energy portfolio  
32 standard for all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the  
33 Commonwealth to allow for energy efficiency and energy conservation to constitute up to five  
34 percent of the alternative energy portfolio. The department shall adopt regulations that establish  
35 the means through which a supplier can comply with this provision.