

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2776**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Lori A. Ehrlich***

*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 greenhouse gases and arbor damage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2011</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2011</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2011</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2776) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to greenhouse gases and arbor damage. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to greenhouse gases and arbor damage.

*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 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Edition is  
2 hereby amended by adding after section 9 the following section:-

3 Section 10. Any potential hazard resulting from gas leakage to persons, property or the  
4 environment due to leaking methane as a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) shall be prescribed remedial  
5 actions. Each operator shall promptly respond to any notification of a gas leak, gas odor or any  
6 notification of damage to facilities by excavators or other outside sources to protect persons and  
7 property and limit the amount of GHG expelled to the atmosphere.

8 Any suspected damage to trees due to any gas leak from a utility owned pipeline should  
9 be reported to the company responsible for inspection by a qualified arborist. Repairs, damages  
10 and replacements will be subject to the rules and regulations of the department of public utilities  
11 and the executive office of environmental affairs.