

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3303**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Anne M. Gobi, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 to promote forest biomass utilization.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Leonard</i>	<i>35 Leighton Road Petersham, MA 01366</i>	

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3303) of Mike Leonard for legislation to promote forest biomass energy utilization. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act to promote forest biomass utilization.

*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 11F of chapter 25A of the general laws is hereby amended by striking out  
2 subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (g) In satisfying its annual obligations under subsection (a), each retail supplier shall  
4 provide a portion of the required minimum percentage of kilowatt-hours sales from new on-site  
5 renewable energy generating sources located in the commonwealth including, but not limited to,  
6 behind the meter generation and other similar categories of generation determined by the  
7 department. The portion of the required minimum percentage required to be supplied by such on-  
8 site renewable energy generating sources shall be established by the department; provided,  
9 however, that the department may specify that a certain percentage of these requirements shall be  
10 met through energy generated from a specific technology or fuel type; and provided further, that  
11 such required minimum percentage shall be met by low emission advanced biomass power  
12 conversion technologies using fuels such as wood, by-products or waste from agricultural crops,  
13 food or animals, energy crops, biogas, liquid biofuel including but not limited to biodiesel,

- 14 organic refuse-derived fuel, or algae whose generating power plants are at least 25 per cent
- 15 efficient and is a retail supplier using harvested forest biomass who has a forest cutting plan that
- 16 calls for long-term forest management.