

HOUSE No. 3610

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John H. Rogers

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 requiring a certain license to shut off or exchange gas meters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3610) of John H. Rogers for legislation to require the installation of carbon monoxide and natural gas detectors in all buildings and requiring a certain license to shut off or exchange gas meters. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act requiring a certain license to shut off or exchange gas meters.

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 21 N of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 2 the following section:-

3 Section 2A. Every dwelling, building or structure, including those owned or operated by
4 the commonwealth shall be equipped by the owner with working, approved combination carbon
5 monoxide and natural gas detectors. Such detectors shall be approved by the department and
6 shall bear labels explaining the symptoms and health effects of natural gas poisoning.

7 Any installation costs performed by trained fire department personnel pursuant to this
8 shall be assessed to the gas company.

9 SECTION 2. Said chapter 21N is hereby after they amended by inserting of this section 3
10 the following section:-

11 Section 3A. Every gas meter and natural gas appliance shall have a 3 inch by 3 inch
12 fluorescent orange metal tag with black letters permanently affixed to inlet side explaining the
13 dangers of natural gas. All installation and instruction manual shall contain a reproduction
14 thereof.

15 Any personnel responsible for turning on, shutting off, exchanging gas meters or working
16 on appliances related thereto, shall possess at least a Massachusetts journey man's gas fitter
17 license. Any personnel overseeing the performance of such labor shall possess a Massachusetts
18 master gas fitter's license.

19 Any installation costs performed by trained fire department personnel pursuant to this
20 shall be assessed to the gas company.