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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

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 energy efficient construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*	*2/4/2011*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*2/1/2011*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*	*2/3/2011*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*2/3/2011*

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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 877) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others relative to energy efficient construction. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3121* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to energy efficient construction.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph C of Section 10 of Chapter 70B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

(d) For approved school projects that are designed and constructed to meet or exceed LEED Silver certification, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, the reimbursement percentage shall be the sum of: (a) the percentage calculated pursuant to subsections (a) and (b); (b) the percentage calculated pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection (C); and (c) 10 percentage points. If said percentage points are given, the total reimbursement percentage may exceed the maximum grant percentage under the first paragraph of this section by no more than 5 percentage points.

SECTION 2. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after Section 42K the following new section:-

Section 42L. All construction, as defined in section 39A of this chapter, undertaken by any state agency, under the supervision of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, that is majority financed or funded from an appropriation or the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of the commonwealth shall be designed and constructed to meet or exceed LEED Silver certification, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council.

SECTION 3. Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 18. New homes consisting of at least 5,000 square feet of area in the case of single-family residential use and at least 7,500 square feet of area in the case of two-family residential use shall be designed, built, and certified to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council.