

**SENATE . . . . . No. 332**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Stephen M. Brewer***

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*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 alternative energy on farms..**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen M. Brewer</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi and Ellen Story for legislation to promote alternative energy on farms. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 378 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to promote alternative energy on farms..

*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. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation  
3 with MasDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups  
4 of farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems;  
5 implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving  
6 systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In  
7 establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent  
8 practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the  
9 purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving  
10 linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed  
11 appropriate by DAR.