

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1569**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Gale D. Candaras***

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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 relative to electric utility ratepayer credit.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Gale D. Candaras*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Ms. Candaras, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1569) of Gale D. Candaras for legislation relative to electric utility ratepayer credit. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to electric utility ratepayer credit.

*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. Section 1J of said chapter 164, as so appearing is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3           The department shall also establish regulations to create a credit of not less than \$25.00 to  
4 be awarded to each ratepayer, whereupon such electric utility fails to restore service as follows:  
5 a) within 120 hours after an interruption due to catastrophic conditions; b) within 16 hours after  
6 an interruption that occurred during normal conditions; and c) where there are more than 7  
7 service interruptions in a 12-month period due to same circuit repetitive interruption. The  
8 department may establish varying amounts of the credit dependent on the class of ratepayer. The  
9 credit shall be paid for in its entirety by the ratepayer’s electric utility. The department shall  
10 provide for a waiver and exception process to the awarding of the credit. The department shall  
11 review the amount of the credit on an annual basis. The credit shall be implemented  
12 notwithstanding the maximum penalty amount in the preceding paragraph.