

SENATE No. 1585

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 efficiency funds generated by municipal lighting plants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James B. Eldridge

Middlesex and Worcester

Jennifer E. Benson

37th Middlesex

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1585) of James B. Eldridge and Jennifer E. Benson for legislation relative to energy efficiency funds generated by municipal lighting plants. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1662 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to energy efficiency funds generated by municipal lighting plants.

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

1 Chapter 25 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 19 ½. In addition to any other amounts derived from sources internal or external
4 to Municipal Lighting Plants, costs associated with energy efficiency programs including but not
5 limited to, demand side management programs established by such Municipal Lighting Plants,
6 shall be funded, without further appropriation, from those amounts generated from cap and trade
7 pollution control programs, including, but not limited to, and subject to section 22 of chapter
8 21A, amounts generated by the carbon dioxide allowance trading mechanism established under
9 the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Memorandum of Understanding, as defined in subsection
10 (a) of section 22 of chapter 21A. Such amounts shall be allocated based on the percentage of
11 each municipal lighting plants' electricity sales relative to total electricity sales statewide as
12 determined by the Department of Energy Resources and not less than 80 per cent of such
13 allocated amounts shall be returned to such Municipal Lighting Plants for implementation of
14 such aforementioned programs.

15 Such municipal lighting plants' programs funded by those additional amounts pursuant to
16 this section shall be administered by each municipal lighting plant through either the

17 Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company or Energy New England LLC or their
18 successors as determined by each municipal lighting plant.

19 Each municipal lighting plant shall include an itemization of expenditures of those funds
20 received under this section in its annual return filed pursuant to section 63 of chapter 164.

21 A municipal light plant may annually at its option elect not to participate in those
22 additional amounts available under this section. In the event of such election such municipal
23 lighting plant would not be subject to the energy efficiency and demand side management
24 programs requirements established under this section.

25 Any amounts distributed pursuant to and received by municipal lighting plants under this
26 section shall not subject municipal lighting plants to any other general or special law.