

SENATE No. 1590

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 expedited permitting for energy efficient buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Barry R. Finegold

Second Essex and Middlesex

Marcos A. Devers

16th Essex

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1590) of Barry R. Finegold and Marcos A. Devers for legislation relative to expedited permitting for energy efficient buildings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to expedited permitting for energy efficient buildings.

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 3 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting after the definition “Petroleum products” the
3 following new definition:-

4 “Qualified energy efficient development”, a development of land, buildings, or structures
5 which (a) (1) uses 15 per cent less total building energy consumption than minimally code
6 compliant buildings; and (2) provides a minimum of 15 per cent of total building energy from
7 onsite self-generation using renewable energy technologies; or (b) uses 30 per cent less total
8 building energy consumption than minimally code compliant buildings.

9 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 10 of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by striking out, in line 26, the words “and (6)” and inserting in place thereof the
11 following:-

12 “(6) adopt an expedited application and permitting process under which projects that are
13 a qualified energy efficient development may be sited within the municipality and which shall
14 not exceed 6 months from the date of submission of the site plan application to the date of final
15 approval. Such expedited application and permitting shall apply to qualified new building
16 projects and major renovations which total an amount exceeding 50 percent of their replacement
17 cost; and (7)”.