

SENATE No. 1597

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Hart, 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 the monitoring of natural gas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John Hart, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1597) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to monitor natural gas. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1672 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the monitoring of natural gas.

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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 70B. The Department of Telecommunications and Energy shall require local
4 distribution companies to survey their gas piping system for leak detection. Upon finding a
5 natural gas leak, the leak must be investigated, graded and monitored. The surveying,
6 investigating, grading and monitoring of these leaks shall be done by employees of local
7 distribution companies and reported to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.