

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2278

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

*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 protection of propane gas ratepayers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard T. Moore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2278) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the automatic renewal of certain propane gas contracts. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen  
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An Act relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers.

*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 93 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 94, the following new section: -

3           Section 94A. (a) For purposes of this section the term “automatic renewal contract” shall  
4 mean any contract or agreement between a propane gas dealer and ratepayer upon the expiration  
5 of which said dealer may automatically reauthorize and execute the terms contained therein.

6           (b) In the case of an automatic renewal contract for the sale of propane at a variable rate,  
7 the propane gas dealer shall notify the ratepayer of any increase in the propane gas rate that is  
8 equal to or greater than ten percent of the rate charged at the time of the previous delivery. Said  
9 propane gas dealer shall deliver said notice in writing, at least fifteen days before the next  
10 scheduled delivery.