

HOUSE No. 2891

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 renewable energy certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2891) of Stephen Kulik relative to renewable energy certificates. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2954 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to renewable energy certificates.

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. Paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of section 11F of chapter 25A of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 clause (i) and inserting in place thereof, the following clause:- (i) at the time of filing with the
4 Department for qualification as a renewable energy generating source, each such new facility or
5 increased capacity or efficiency at each such existing facility, must meet appropriate and site-
6 specific standards that address adequate and healthy river flows, water quality standards, fish
7 passage and protection measures and mitigation and enhancement opportunities in the impacted
8 watershed as determined by the department in consultation with relevant state and federal
9 agencies having oversight and jurisdiction over hydropower facilities;

10 SECTION 2. Subsection (d) of said section 11F of Chapter 25A, as amended by section
11 16 of chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (6)
12 and inserting in place thereof, the following paragraph:- (6) energy generated by existing
13 hydroelectric facilities, provided at the time of filing with the Department for qualification as a
14 renewable energy generating source such existing facility shall meet appropriate and site-specific
15 standards that address adequate and healthy river flows, water quality standards, fish passage and
16 protection measures and mitigation and enhancement opportunities in the impacted watershed as
17 determined by the department in consultation with relevant state and federal agencies having
18 oversight and jurisdiction over hydropower facilities; and provided further, that only energy from
19 existing facilities up to 7.5 megawatts shall be considered renewable energy and no such facility
20 shall involve pumped storage of water nor construction of any new dam or water diversion
21 structure constructed later than January 1, 1998;