

HOUSE No. 2912

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank I. Smizik

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 capturing cost-effective energy savings for Massachusetts customers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2912) of Frank I. Smizik and others relative to identifying cost-effective energy savings for gas and electric customers in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to capturing cost-effective energy savings for Massachusetts customers.

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 25 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 after section 21 subsection (b): --

3 (c) Each Three Year Plan shall be informed by a study identifying all potential efficiency
4 and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply. The study
5 informing the plan may not be older than 5 years, but the first study shall be completed within 6
6 months of passage of this bill. The study shall be performed by a consultant procured by the
7 Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC). The findings of the study shall be presented to the
8 EEAC and the Department of Public Utilities. The first study shall compare the savings goals of
9 the currently applicable Three Year Plans to the potential identified in the first study. If the first
10 study finds that the savings goals in the plan currently underway are falling short of what
11 potential indicates, thus failing to capture all available efficiency and demand reduction

12 resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply, then the distribution companies
13 shall adopt the targets from the study as part of the mid-term modification process.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 25 of the General Laws, section 21 subsection (d)(2) is amended by
15 adding the following after the last sentence: --

16 To the extent that the Department approves a plan that contains a figure for all efficiency
17 and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply that is
18 shown to be less than what is identified in the findings of the study called for in section 21(c), the
19 Department shall issue a finding explaining this difference.

20 SECTION 3. Chapter 25 of the General Laws, section 21 subsection (e), as appearing in
21 the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 111, the word “may” and
22 inserting in place thereof the following word: “shall”.