

HOUSE No. 4541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Walter F. Timilty and John H. Rogers

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 protecting ratepayers against unnecessary taxes due to gas pipeline expansion.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>7th Norfolk</i> | <i>6/24/2016</i> |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i> | <i>12th Norfolk</i> | <i>7/1/2016</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> | <i>6/30/2016</i> |
| <i>James E. Timilty</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | <i>7/1/2016</i> |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>6/27/2016</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>6/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i> | <i>14th Suffolk</i> | <i>7/1/2016</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Madden</i> | <i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i> | <i>6/27/2016</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>7/1/2016</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> | <i>6/28/2016</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> | <i>7/1/2016</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>6/27/2016</i> |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>6/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>7/5/2016</i> |
| <i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>4th Berkshire</i> | <i>7/5/2016</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>7/5/2016</i> |
| <i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>7/5/2016</i> |

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By Messrs. Timilty of Milton and Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty, John H. Rogers and others relative to gas pipeline contracts. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act protecting ratepayers against unnecessary taxes due to gas pipeline expansion.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Section 94A of
2 chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “No gas or electric company shall hereafter enter into a
4 contract for the purchase of gas or electricity” and inserting in place thereof, the following
5 words: “No gas company shall hereafter enter into a contract for the purchase of gas, and no
6 electric company shall hereafter enter into a contract for the purchase of electricity.”

7 SECTION 2. Section 94A of said chapter 164 is amended by inserting, in line 15, after
8 the sentence ending “null and void.” the following sentence: “No gas company may contract for
9 electricity pursuant to this section; and no electric company may contract for gas pursuant to this
10 section.”

11 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any company
12 wishing to construct a natural gas pipeline in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be

- 13 prohibited from charging any costs associated with said construction on to either gas or electrical
- 14 rate payers.