

SENATE No. 1758

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1758) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

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. Section 94 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following two
3 paragraphs:-

4 Any contract or agreement for the sale of propane must be in writing and contain all the
5 terms and conditions for delivery and the amount of fees, charges, surcharges, or penalties
6 allowed by law. No written contract or agreement for the sale of propane between a dealer and
7 retail consumer may have an automatic renewal clause unless the consumer has the right to
8 terminate at the end of the initial term or subsequent anniversary date, with 30 days' written
9 notice.

10 Any propane gas dealer who operates in the commonwealth must clearly and
11 conspicuously post the propane daily delivery price for residential customers on its website.