

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1758**

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**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)**  
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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. 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.