

SENATE No. 1767

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 requiring gas leak repairs during certain road projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1767) of James B. Eldridge, Lori A. Ehrlich, Barbara L'Italien, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to require gas leak repairs during certain road projects. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act requiring gas leak repairs during certain road projects.

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 144 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section (c) and inserting, in place thereof, the
3 following:

4 (c) Upon the undertaking of a significant project involving the repair or paving of a
5 public way, the installation, replacement or repair of an underground water or sewer line or
6 underground electrical or other cable exposing confirmed natural gas infrastructure, a
7 municipality or the commonwealth or other entity responsible for the installation, replacement or
8 repair shall submit written notification of the project to a gas company. The gas company shall
9 survey the project area for the presence of gas leaks, and all leaks shall be repaired within 12
10 months of the date the leak was classified, with the exception of Grade 1 leaks, which shall be
11 repaired immediately, per Section 2 (b)(1). The repair and replacement schedule of gas leaks
12 shall be provided to the municipality or the commonwealth or other entity.