

SENATE No. 1793

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 an energy pilot program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1793) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to an energy pilot program. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1619 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to an energy pilot program.

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. Subsection (d) of section 19 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the subsection in its
3 entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 (d) There shall be a voluntary accelerated rebate pilot program which shall be made
5 available to up to 10 eligible commercial or industrial electric users and 10 commercial or
6 industrial gas users in each utility service territory. Multiple locations of the same customer shall
7 not be aggregated for purposes of meeting this threshold

8 Eligible customers electing to participate in the accelerated pilot program shall notify the
9 appropriate electric distribution company, gas company or municipal aggregator, hereafter

10 known as the program administrator, on or before January 31 of each calendar year during the
11 pilot program.

12 After initial notice, the utilities may, alone or in coordination with other program
13 administrators, determine the best candidates for the pilot program using the following criteria:
14 (i) the scope and completeness of the customer's proposed programs; (ii) the likelihood of
15 energy, environmental or related savings from said program; (iii) the customer's capacity to
16 implement such measures; and (iv) the ability to use measures in other facilities owned by
17 similar industries. Should more than 10 customers indicate their desire to participate in said pilot
18 the utilities shall alone or in coordination with other program administrators determine the best
19 customers using the criteria above.

20 Customers electing to participate shall be eligible for financial support of up to 100 per
21 cent of the cost for qualified energy efficiency measures, as determined by the program
22 administrator, using criteria included in the efficiency investment plans established by section
23 21. Total rebate levels for participating customers in any year of the pilot program shall not
24 exceed 90 per cent of the amount the customer was charged for energy efficiency programs
25 during calendar year 2012.

26 A participating customer shall not aggregate a rebate from any year in which the
27 customer does not participate in the pilot program. Qualified energy efficiency measures shall
28 include cost-effective energy efficiency program measures approved by the applicable program
29 administrator recognized by the department using criteria under said section 21; provided,
30 however, that up to 15 per cent of any accelerated rebate may be used for other improvements
31 that support energy efficiency improvements made under a program approved by the department

32 or emission reductions, including, but not limited to, infrastructure improvements, metering,
33 circuit level technology and software. Customers opting to receive an accelerated rebate shall be
34 ineligible for other energy efficiency program rebates under said section 21 during the period in
35 which they participate in the pilot program. All qualified installations shall be substantially
36 completed by the end of the program, and shall be subject to verification and review by the
37 department. Electric and gas distribution companies shall recalibrate their energy efficiency
38 goals, as reviewed by the energy efficiency advisory council under subsection (c) of said section
39 21, to reflect the rebates provided to any customer electing to participate in this pilot program.
40 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to cause a decrease in the funding of the low-
41 income residential demand-side management and education programs funded under this section.