

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2695**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas A. Golden, Jr.*

*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 anaerobic digestion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2695) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and Josh S. Cutler relative to the creation of a program for anaerobic digestion net metering facilities. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to anaerobic digestion.

*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. Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after Section 139A the following section:-

3 Section 139B. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following word shall have the  
4 following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-

5 “Anaerobic digester tariff”, the default service kilowatt-hour rate of the local  
6 distribution company as defined in section 1 that receives electricity from an anaerobic digestion  
7 net metering facility.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department shall  
9 require the electric distribution companies to amend the net metering tariff to create a program  
10 for anaerobic digestion net metering facilities, as defined in section 138 of chapter 164 of the  
11 Massachusetts General Laws, in the commonwealth. An electric distribution company shall pay  
12 an anaerobic digestion net metering facility monthly for electricity it received from the facility

13 based on the kilowatt hours of electricity that the distribution company received from the facility  
14 multiplied by the anaerobic digester tariff. A participating anaerobic digestion net metering  
15 facility shall notify a distribution company that it intends to deliver electricity pursuant to the  
16 anaerobic digester tariff program and shall comply with the distribution company's applicable  
17 reporting and interconnection requirements; provided, however that no more than 50 megawatts  
18 of anaerobic digester aggregate capacity statewide shall be permitted to participate in the  
19 anaerobic digester tariff program. The department shall determine an appropriate and  
20 proportionate method of allocating costs of anaerobic digestion facilities to ensure that the costs  
21 of the program are shared collectively among all ratepayers of the distribution companies.