

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2924**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2924) of Daniel J. Hunt and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to direct the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to formulate a plan to increase small business participation in energy savings services and programs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3415 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of energy and  
2 environmental affairs, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental protection, shall  
3 make recommendations for increasing small businesses’ access to energy efficiency grants and  
4 programs. The recommendations shall, at a minimum, include: (i) proposed changes to existing  
5 programs to better aid small businesses with short-term leases in making energy efficient  
6 improvements to existing properties; (ii) proposed changes to other existing programs to suit the  
7 particular needs of small businesses; and (iii) proposals for new programs specifically aimed at  
8 small businesses. The secretary shall file the recommendations as a report with the house and

- 9 senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the clerks of
- 10 the house of representatives and the senate on or before January 15, 2018.