

HOUSE No. 2930

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 wood pellet fuel.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i> | <i>7th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2930) of Peter V. Kocot and Geoff Diehl that the commissioner of the Division of Energy Resources be authorized to convene a working group to study the reduction of contaminants in wood pellet fuel. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act relative to wood pellet fuel.

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 1 of chapter 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended at the
2 end thereof by adding the following:- "...provided that the commissioner shall convene a
3 working group to study the reduction of contaminants in wood pellet fuel sold in the
4 Commonwealth, including, but not limited to arsenic, chromium, copper, construction debris,
5 preservative treated and painted wood and to establish methods to reduce the health impacts of
6 using wood pellet fuel, including establishing minimum product standards similar to the "EN
7 Plus" ratings (AEBIOM)system criteria provided through the European Biomass Association and
8 a product labeling protocol to inform wood pellet fuel consumers."