

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4278

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 6, 2018.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the 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, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4278) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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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. The commissioner of the department of public health, in consultation with  
2   the commissioner of the department of energy resources, shall conduct a study on the reduction  
3   of contaminants in wood pellet fuel sold in the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to  
4   arsenic, chromium, copper, construction debris, preservative treated and painted wood and to  
5   establish methods to reduce the health impacts of using wood pellet fuel and provide a  
6   recommendation as to advisability of enacting statutory and or regulatory changes to reduce said  
7   contaminants. The study report and recommendation shall be submitted to the joint committee on  
8   environment, natural resources and agriculture, the joint committee on telecommunications,  
9   utilities and energy, and the house and senate committees on ways and means within 1 year of  
10   passage of this act.