

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1823**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joseph A. Boncore*

*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 the protection of energy ratepayers by the Attorney General.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Maura Healey, Attorney General</i>		<i>1/20/2017</i>

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1823) of Joseph A. Boncore and Maura Healey, Attorney General for legislation relative to the protection of energy ratepayers by the Attorney General. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the protection of energy ratepayers by the Attorney General.

*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 11E of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence in first paragraph of  
3 subsection (a), and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4           The attorney general, through the office of ratepayer advocacy, may intervene, appear  
5 and participate in administrative, regulatory, or judicial proceedings on behalf of any group of  
6 consumers in connection with any matter involving a company doing business in the  
7 commonwealth and subject to the jurisdiction of the department of public utilities or the  
8 department of telecommunications and cable under chapters 164, 164A, 164B, 165, or 166.

9           SECTION 2. Section 93 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 8 by striking the words “may order” and inserting in  
11 place thereof the following words:-

12           may order, no later than ten months after the written complaint is filed,