

SENATE No. 1848

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 low income solar.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/30/2017</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1848) of James B. Eldridge, Frank I. Smizik, Carmine L. Gentile, Jay R. Kaufman and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to low income solar. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to low income solar.

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 138 of chapter 164 is hereby amended by striking out in the
2 definition of “market net metering credit”, the words “that credits shall only be allocated to an
3 account of a municipality or government entity.” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
4 that credits shall only be allocated to an account of a municipality or government entity or
5 publicly-assisted housing or its residents.; and

6 by striking out in the definition of “net metering facility of a municipality or other
7 governmental entity”, the words “(2) of which the municipality or other governmental entity is
8 assigned 100 per cent of the output.” and inserting in place thereof the following:- (2) of which
9 the municipality or other governmental entity or publicly-assisted housing or its residents are
10 assigned 100 per cent of the output or net metering credits.; and

11 by inserting after the definition for “net metering facility of a municipality or other
12 governmental entity” the following definition:- “Publicly-assisted housing”, housing as defined
13 in Section 1 of chapter 40T.

14 SECTION 2. Section 139 of chapter 164 is hereby amended by striking out in subsection
15 (b1/2) clause (1), the words “A solar net metering facility may designate customers of the same
16 distribution company to which the solar net metering facility is interconnected and that are
17 located in the same ISO-NE load zone to receive such credits in amounts attributed by the solar
18 net metering facility.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- A solar net metering
19 facility may designate customers of the same distribution company to which the solar net
20 metering facility is interconnected, regardless of which ISO-NE load zone the customers are
21 located in, to receive such credits in amounts attributed by the solar net metering facility.; and

22 by inserting after clause (2) the following words:- (3) The owner of a solar net metering
23 facility may direct the distribution company to purchase all or a portion of net metering credits
24 from the facility at the rates provided for in this subsection.; and

25 by inserting after subsection (i) the following subsection:- (i 1/2) Solar net metering
26 facilities of a municipality or other governmental entity that assign 100 per cent of the output to
27 publicly-assisted housing or its residents shall be exempt from the aggregate net metering
28 capacity of net metering facilities of a municipality or other governmental entity.; and

29 by striking out in subsection (j), the words “The department may exempt or modify any
30 monthly minimum reliability contribution for low-income ratepayers.” and inserting in place
31 thereof the following words:- The department shall exempt publicly-assisted housing and low-
32 income ratepayers from any monthly minimum reliability contribution.