

SENATE No. 1869

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 to protect our environment and lower our carbon footprint.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1869) of Marc R. Pacheco, James B. Eldridge, Michael D. Brady and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1786 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to protect our environment and lower our carbon footprint.

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. (a) Section 1 of chapter 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 60, after the word “chapter” the
3 following words:- ; or (iii) an economy-wide price on carbon

4 (b) Said section 1 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
5 out, in line 54, the word:- “or”

6 (c) Subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21N of the General Laws, as so
7 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word “may” and inserting in place
8 thereof the following word:- shall

9 (d) Said subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21N of the General Laws, as so
10 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 16, after the word “mechanisms” the
11 following words:- , including, but not limited to, an economy-wide price on carbon,

12 (e) Said subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21N of the General Laws, as so
13 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the last sentence the following words:- All
14 revenue derived from said economy-wide price on carbon shall be returned to all Massachusetts
15 residents through a revenue rebate program established by the Department of Revenue.

16 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2020 if the Commonwealth fails to
17 meet the 2020 statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit set pursuant to subsection (b) of section
18 3 of chapter 21N of the General Laws and adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4 of said
19 chapter by January 1, 2020.