

SENATE No. 1886

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 meeting the energy needs of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1886) of Bruce E. Tarr and Paul R. Heroux for legislation relative to meeting the energy needs of the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to meeting the energy needs of the Commonwealth.

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. Chapter 21A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 official edition
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 26 the following new section:-

3 Section 27. (a) Not later than June 1, 2017, and every three years thereafter the Secretary
4 of Energy and Environmental Affairs or their designee the Secretary of Transportation or their
5 designee and the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection or their designee
6 (“the Board”), with the participation of the Department of Energy Resources and the Department
7 of Public Utilities, together with such other agencies as the Board may designate, and in
8 consultation with such other secretariats as the Governor may determine, shall promulgate a
9 comprehensive energy plan for the Commonwealth (“the Plan”). In developing the Plan, the
10 board shall also consult with ISO-NE and with the Commonwealth’s electric and gas utilities.

11 (b) The plan shall be consistent with the climate adaption plan established in this act and
12 shall include but not be limited to the following goals and requirements:

13 (i) The plan should comply with all U.S. and Massachusetts laws and policies governing
14 energy, including the requirements of the state's Global Warming Solutions Act;

15 (ii) The plan shall prioritize meeting energy needs first through conservation and cost-
16 effective energy efficiency and other cost-effective demand-reduction resources, and to the
17 maximum extent feasible should be met with cost-effective renewable resources and
18 cogeneration ;

19 (iii) The relationship of energy needs for electricity, transportation, and building heat, as
20 well as the reduction of greenhouse gas and other air pollution emissions from the transportation
21 and building heating sector, shall be considered; and

22 (iv) The plan should provide for reliable and accessible energy that is as cost-effective as
23 is reasonably achievable

24 (c) The plan shall include and be based upon, reasonable projections of the state's energy
25 demands for electricity, thermal conditioning, transportation, and shall be designed to respond to
26 those needs and timely and cost-effective ways which meet the targets for reduction in
27 greenhouse gas emissions set forth in the Global Warming Solutions Act

28 (d) The plan shall consider the energy demands of states that border the commonwealth,
29 and strategies to capture economics of scale and other benefits that may be derived from
30 collaboration and/or regional initiatives

31 (e) Upon the adoption of the Plan, all certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations,
32 grants, and other actions and activities by a state agency or authority shall be consistent, to the
33 maximum extent feasible, with the Plan.

34 (f) There shall be a fifteen member Energy Plan Advisory Committee to assist in the
35 development of the Plan: 1 of whom shall be the secretary of energy and environmental affairs,
36 who shall serve as chair; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of administration and finance; 1 of
37 whom shall be appointed by speaker of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be
38 appointed by the house minority leader; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the
39 senate; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader and 9 of whom shall be
40 appointed by the governor: 1 of whom shall represent consumers, 1 of whom who shall represent
41 low income residents, 1 of whom who shall represent large employers, 1 of whom who shall
42 represent small employers, 1 of whom who shall represent the renewable energy industry, 1 of
43 whom who shall be from an environmental organization, 1 of whom shall represent investor
44 owned local distribution company, and 1 of whom shall represent a municipal owned local
45 distribution company. The Energy Plan Advisory Committee shall prepare a report to the Board
46 to be delivered to it every three years, six months prior to the triennial June 1 promulgation date
47 for the Plan.

48 After receiving the report of the Energy Plan Advisory Committee, the Board shall
49 modify the Plan if appropriate, and shall provide for public notice and comment on the Plan, with
50 no less than five hearings on the Plan across the Commonwealth. After receiving public
51 comments, the Board shall further modify the Plan if appropriate, shall issue a final Plan, and
52 shall file the final Plan, together with proposed legislation necessary to implement the Plan, if
53 any, with the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the joint committee on
54 telecommunications, utilities and energy.