

HOUSE No. 1319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

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 requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Jeffrey N. Roy

10th Norfolk

Rebecca L. Rausch

Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1319) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Rebecca L. Rausch relative to notices of delinquent charges to the owners of rental dwellings. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3018 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act requiring notice to landlords relating to gas or electric shutoffs.

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 124 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
2 word "relates" the following new paragraph:

3 When a tenant is the customer of record, a gas or electric company must provide notice of
4 delinquent charges to the owner of a rental dwelling unit if the owner notifies the gas or electric
5 company in writing that a property served by the gas or electric company is a residential rental
6 property, asks to be notified of a tenant's delinquency, and has provided, in writing, a complete
7 and accurate mailing address. The gas or electric company shall serve notice of the delinquent
8 charges to the owner of the rental dwelling unit within 14 days of the date on which the tenant's
9 charges became past due.