

**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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1319**

---

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.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.