

HOUSE No. 2840

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley, (BY REQUEST)

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 an emergency act to investigate the results reporting of the National Grid Worcester smart meter pilot program and its implications for the department of public utilities grid modernization, time of use, and smart meter proceedings.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Patricia Burke</i> | <i>26 Lake Street; Norfolk, MA; 02056</i> | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>1/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2840) of Patricia Burke, Michael J. Soter and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a special commission to investigate the results of a certain smart meter pilot program conducted by National Grid Worcester. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act an emergency act to investigate the results reporting of the National Grid Worcester smart meter pilot program and its implications for the department of public utilities grid modernization, time of use, and smart meter proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established
2 a special commission to investigate the results reporting of the National Grid Worcester Smart
3 Meter Pilot Program established in Docket MA DPU 11-129, which ended December 31, 2018.
4 The scope of the commission shall include, but shall not be limited to, calculating a complete and
5 transparent accounting of all costs for the pilot program, including those costs incurred by the
6 public for actions taken by the Department of Public Utilities and the Attorney General’s office;
7 conducting an independent audit and investigation of the results reported by Navigant
8 Consulting, including claimed cost and energy savings; and determining whether National Grid
9 ratepayers should bear the costs for said Worcester National Grid Smart Meter Pilot Program.

10 (b) The commission shall report the results of its investigation and its recommendations
11 by filing a public report with the Clerk of the Senate; the Clerk of the House of Representatives;

12 The Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; the Office of the Governor;
13 and the Department of Public Utilities no later than 6 months after the first meeting of the
14 commission is convened.

15 (c) The commission shall conduct its first meeting no later than 90 days after the effective
16 date of this act.