

HOUSE No. 4261

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 municipal energy plans.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> | <i>10/23/2019</i> |

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to enhance certified municipal energy plans. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to municipal energy plans.

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. Section 134(b) of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as as appearing in the
2 2018 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in lines 101-104 of the
3 second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

4 Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the municipality or
5 group of municipalities with a certified energy plan shall not be prohibited from proposing an
6 energy efficiency investment plan that contains enhancements which are more specific, detailed
7 or comprehensive or which cover additional subject areas than those contained in a jointly
8 prepared energy efficiency investment plan submitted in accordance with section 21(b)(1) of
9 chapter 25. Such enhancements may be funded by any funding source authorized by section
10 19(a) of chapter 25. In no event shall the department withhold approval of such enhancements
11 due to considerations of cost efficiency or ratepayer impact if such enhancements are cost
12 effective in accordance with the department’s cost effectiveness screening.