

SENATE No. 195

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James T. Welch

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 protecting residential electric customers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Maura Healey</i>	<i>Attorney General</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 195) of James T. Welch, Maura Healey, Jason M. Lewis and Diana DiZoglio for legislation to protect residential electric customers. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act relative to protecting residential electric customers.

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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 1K the following section:

3 Section 1L. Beginning on January 1, 2020, no supplier, energy marketer, or energy
4 broker shall execute a new contract for generation services with any individual residential retail
5 customer. This provision shall not apply to, or otherwise affect, any government body that
6 aggregates the load of residential retail customers as part of a municipal aggregation plan
7 pursuant to chapter 164, § 134. Any violation of this provision shall be deemed an unfair and
8 deceptive act pursuant to the provisions of chapter 93A, and the attorney general is hereby
9 authorized to bring an action under section 4 of chapter 93A to enforce this provision and to
10 obtain restitution, civil penalties, injunctive relief, and any other relief awarded pursuant to said
11 chapter 93A.