

SENATE No. 1961

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 the protection of propane gas ratepayers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1961) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter for legislation to protect propane gas ratepayers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1850 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers.

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 94 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following 2 paragraphs:-

3 A contract or agreement for the sale of propane for residential heating shall be in writing
4 and contain all the terms and conditions for delivery and shall include an itemized list of the
5 amount of fees, charges, surcharges or penalties. No contract or agreement for the sale of
6 propane for residential heating between a dealer and retail consumer shall have an automatic
7 renewal clause unless the consumer has the right to terminate any future automatic renewal
8 through written notice given not less than 30 days prior to the date the automatic renewal takes
9 effect.

10 A propane gas dealer who operates in the commonwealth shall make the daily delivery
11 price of propane for residential heating customers available in a clear and conspicuous manner. If
12 the propane gas dealer operates a website for commonwealth customers, the daily delivery price
13 shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed on the dealer’s website.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall apply to contracts or agreements for the sale of propane, or
15 any renewals thereof, entered into on or after January 1, 2021.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.