

HOUSE No. 4351

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 2022.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3327) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Richard M. Haggerty and others relative to municipal light plant participation in the green communities program, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4351) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to municipal light plant participation in green communities.

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 10 of Chapter 25A, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding after clause (e), the following new sentence:

3 In adopting such regulations, the division shall require that a municipality served by a
4 municipal light plant that serves multiple municipalities shall be permitted to qualify as a green
5 community if: (i) said municipality has at least one customer served by an investor owned utility;
6 or (ii) said municipality has chosen to adopt, through a town meeting in accordance with section
7 9 of chapter 39, the renewable energy charge under section 20 of chapter 25, provided, however,
8 that the municipality responsible for administration of the municipal light plant shall collect said
9 fee from ratepayers through electric bills, less the outstanding amount.