

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 954**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick Joseph Kearney*

*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 to assure the attainment of greenhouse gas emissions goals in the alternative portfolio standard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Patrick Joseph Kearney, Tami L. Gouveia and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the use of waste-to-energy municipal solid waste plant technology and forest-derived biomass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 853 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to assure the attainment of greenhouse gas emissions goals in the alternative portfolio standard.

*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 11F½ of Chapter 25A of the General Law, 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended:

3           1)     In line 16, by striking out the word “biomass”;

4           2)     In lines 16-18 by striking out the phrase “waste-to-energy that is a component of  
5 conventional municipal solid waste plant technology in commercial use”;

6           3)     In line 23-25 by striking out the phrase “provided, however, that facilities using  
7 biomass fuel shall be low emission, use efficient energy conversion technologies and fuel that is  
8 produced by means of sustainable forestry practices;”;

- 9           4)     In line 33 by inserting after the words, “wood and”, in line 13, the following  
10 phrase “; (F) biomass; (G) municipal solid waste;”;
- 11           5)     In line 33 by replacing the phrase “(F)” with (H)”.
- 12           6)     In lines 36-37 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 13           7)     In line 41 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 14           8)     In line 47 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 15           9)     In line 50 by inserting after the word, “feasible;”, the following word “and”;
- 16           10)    In line 50 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 17           11)    In lines 52-58 by striking out the phrase “; and (v) in consultation with the  
18 department of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass, requirements that fuel  
19 shall be provided by means of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass,  
20 requirements that fuel shall be provided by means of sustainable forestry practices; provided,  
21 however, that the department shall adopt any existing or new biomass fuel sustainability  
22 standards if deemed appropriate by the department after a public comment process.”.