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HOUSE . . . . . No. 954

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:
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*2/16/2021*
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*3/10/2021*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*4/5/2021*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*6/29/2021*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*9/22/2021*

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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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

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

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

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

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

4) In line 33 by inserting after the words, “wood and”, in line 13, the following phrase “; (F) biomass; (G) municipal solid waste;”;

5) In line 33 by replacing the phrase “(F)” with (H)”.

6) In lines 36-37 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;

7) In line 41 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;

8) In line 47 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;

9) In line 50 by inserting after the word, “feasible;”, the following word “and”;

10) In line 50 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;

11) In lines 52-58 by striking out the phrase “; and (v) in consultation with the department of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass, requirements that fuel shall be provided by means of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass, requirements that fuel shall be provided by means of sustainable forestry practices; provided, however, that the department shall adopt any existing or new biomass fuel sustainability standards if deemed appropriate by the department after a public comment process.”.