

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Hogan

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 requiring warning devices in the event of over pressurized gas entering a home.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>11/18/2021</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan relative to requiring warning devices in the event of over pressurized gas entering a home. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring warning devices in the event of over pressurized gas entering a home.

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. (a) A natural gas distribution company doing business in the
2 commonwealth or any affiliate of such company shall install an overpressure safety valve and an
3 alert to all customers in the event of an overpressure failure event of natural gas supplied to a
4 residential dwelling.

5 (b) The alert and safety valve shall be installed after a pressure regulator and shall be
6 installed in an outdoor space and shall, upon the failure event, safely release natural gas into the
7 atmosphere.

8 (C) The alert shall include an alarm equipped with a voice alert warning occupants to
9 evacuate and call 911, a siren and strobe lights. The voice alert and siren shall be no less than 85
10 decibels in volume.

11 SECTION 2. The department of public utilities shall promulgate rules and regulations for
12 the implementation of this act not later than 180 days after its enactment.