

SENATE No. 1853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 providing for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

Table with 3 columns: NAME, DISTRICT/ADDRESS, and Date. Rows include James B. Eldridge, Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jack Patrick Lewis, Jason M. Lewis, Erika Uytterhoeven, Michael J. Barrett, Brendan P. Crighton, Michael O. Moore, Susan L. Moran, Thomas M. Stanley, Maria Duaiame Robinson, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Tami L. Gouveia, Rebecca L. Rausch, Patricia D. Jehlen, and Marcos A. Devers.

<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>5/21/2021</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>7/13/2021</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>12/15/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2022</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1853) of James B. Eldridge, Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the imposition of an excise tax to provide for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2924 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act providing for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth.

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 1 of chapter 64D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “two dollars” each time they
3 appear and inserting in place thereof the following words:- two dollars and twenty eight cents
4 plus an additional and separate fee of one dollar and fourteen cents that shall be deposited into
5 the Global Warming Solutions Trust Fund established by section 35GGG of chapter 10, plus an
6 additional and separate fee of sixty-eight cents that shall be deposited into the Affordable
7 Housing Trust Fund as established by section 2 of chapter 121D, plus an additional and separate

8 fee of forty-six cents that shall be deposited into the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust
9 Fund as established by section 60 of chapter 121B.

10 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 64D, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “one dollar and fifty cents” and inserting in place
12 thereof the following words:- one dollar and seventy-one cents plus an additional and separate
13 fee of eighty-six cents that shall be deposited into the Global Warming Solutions Trust Fund
14 established by said section 35GGG of said chapter 10, plus an additional and separate fee of
15 fifty-one cents that shall be deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as established by
16 section 2 of chapter 121D, plus an additional and separate fee of thirty-four cents that shall be
17 deposited into the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund as established by section
18 60 of chapter 121B.

19 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 64D, as so appearing, is hereby further
20 amended by striking out, in line 20, the words “in said Funds” and inserting in place thereof the
21 following words:- received pursuant to this chapter, except for the monies transferred to the
22 Global Warming Solutions Trust Fund established by said section 35GGG of chapter 10, the
23 Affordable Housing Trust Fund established by section 2 of chapter 121D, and the Housing
24 Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund established by section 60 of chapter 121B.

25 SECTION 4. Section 10 of said chapter 64D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
26 inserting after the word “commonwealth,” in line 2, the following words:- except for the monies
27 collected and deposited into the separate funds as required by this chapter.

28 SECTION 5. Section 23 of chapter 546 of the acts of 1969 is hereby repealed.

29 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this act or any general or special law to
30 the contrary, for the duration of the governor’s emergency declaration resulting from the
31 COVID-19 pandemic issued on March 10, 2020, and for one year after the expiration thereof, the
32 commonwealth may utilize funds generated hereunder and allocated to either the Affordable
33 Housing Trust Fund or the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund to meet the
34 emergency assistance needs of tenants and homeowners of very low income or extremely low
35 income, as those terms are defined in chapter 40T of the general laws, resulting from said
36 pandemic and related unemployment and economic dislocation.

37 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.