

SENATE No. 2157

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 relative to renewable energy generation and market efficiency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Julian Cyr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cape and Islands

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2157) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to renewable energy generation and market efficiency. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1946 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to renewable energy generation and market efficiency.

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 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 75
2 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “require” in the last line of
3 paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1/2)(1) and the penultimate line of paragraph (b)(1) the following:-

4 Such written notice of the identities of the recipients so designated and the amounts of the
5 credits to be attributed to such recipients, and any changes to these designations so requested by
6 the customer, shall be accepted and implemented by the distribution company no less frequently
7 than once per calendar month.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 139 of said chapter 164 as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 inserting after the word “subsection” in the last line of paragraph (b)(1) a comma followed by the
10 words: -“if the customer consents in writing prior to the distribution company’s purchase”

11 SECTION 3. Said section 139, as so appearing, is further amended by inserting after
12 subsection (k) the following subsections:

13 (l) Upon the request of a net metering customer or the owner of a distributed solar
14 generation facility generating an alternative form of on-bill credits as approved by the
15 Department of Public Utilities, in writing either by mail or electronically, a distribution company
16 shall provide, on a monthly basis, written electronic confirmation of the value of all net metering
17 credits or alternative on-bill credits allocated to each designated recipient and the dates and
18 associated billing periods of all such allocations.

19 (m) For a Class I Net Metering Facility, Class II Net Metering Facility, or Class III Net
20 Metering Facility, including a facility generating market net metering credits; or a distributed
21 solar generation facility generating an alternative form of on-bill credits as approved by the
22 Department of Public Utilities, no more than sixty days after net metering credits or alternative
23 on-bill credits are generated, the distribution company shall allocate said net metering credits or
24 alternative on-bill credits, as designated by the net metering host customer or distributed solar
25 generation facility owner, to the designated eligible recipients of those net metering credits or
26 alternative on-bill credits. Each distribution company shall correct any error in allocation of net
27 metering credits to the recipient designated by the customer within thirty days of either the
28 distribution company’s discovery of the error, or the customer’s provision of notice of the error
29 to the distribution company, whichever is earlier. Distribution companies shall be responsible for

30 requesting timely approval from the department for amendments to any existing tariffs that may
31 be affected by this subsection.

32 (n) For a distributed solar generation facility generating an alternative form of on-bill
33 credits as approved by the Department of Public Utilities, distribution companies shall accept
34 and implement no less frequently than once per month any changes to the identities of designated
35 recipients and amount of credits to be attributed to such recipients, as provided by the owner of
36 the solar distributed generation facility.

37 (o) A distribution company may seek approval from the Department of Public Utilities
38 for recovery of reasonable costs incurred to process net metering credits and alternative on-bill
39 credits in an accurate and timely fashion, including costs associated with necessary information
40 technology upgrades.

41 SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall be effective January 1, 2022.