

SENATE No. 2223

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 enhancing RPS standards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/27/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2223) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to enhancing RPS standards. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2002 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to enhancing RPS standards.

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 11F of Chapter 25A, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following:-
3 (a) The department shall establish a renewable energy portfolio standard for all retail
4 electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the commonwealth. By December
5 31, 1999, the department shall determine the actual percentage of kilowatt-hours sales to end-use
6 customers in the commonwealth which is derived from existing renewable energy generating
7 sources. Every retail supplier shall provide a minimum percentage of kilowatt-hours sales to end-
8 use customers in the commonwealth from Class I renewable energy generating sources,
9 according to the following schedule: (1) an additional 1 per cent of sales by December 31, 2003,
10 or 1 calendar year from the final day of the first month in which the average cost of any

11 renewable technology is found to be within 10 per cent of the overall average spot-market price
12 per kilowatt-hour for electricity in the commonwealth, whichever is sooner; (2) an additional
13 one-half of 1 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2009; (3) an additional 1
14 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2021; and (4) an additional 3 per cent of
15 sales every year thereafter. Any electric load served under a retail electricity supply contract
16 executed or extended not later than December 31, 2018, shall be exempt from any incremental
17 compliance obligation under this section that occurs as a result of an increase or a new
18 requirement imposed on or after January 1, 2021 on the minimum percentage of kilowatt-hour
19 sales to end-use customers that must be derived from Class I RPS eligible resources. For the
20 purpose of this subsection, a new renewable energy generating source is one that begins
21 commercial operation after December 31, 1997, or that represents an increase in generating
22 capacity after December 31, 1997, at an existing facility. Commencing on January 1, 2009, such
23 minimum percentage requirement shall be known as the "Class I" renewable energy generating
24 source requirement.