

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3177**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel J. Hunt***

*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 increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3177) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to direct the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to formulate a plan to increase small business participation in energy savings services and programs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 944 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of Energy and  
2 Environmental Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,  
3 shall make recommendations for increasing small businesses’ access to energy efficiency grants  
4 and programs. The recommendations shall, at a minimum, include: (i) proposed changes to  
5 existing programs to better aid small businesses with short-term leases in making energy  
6 efficient improvements to existing properties; (ii) proposed changes to other existing programs to  
7 suit the particular needs of small businesses; and (iii) proposals for new programs specifically  
8 aimed at small businesses. The Secretary shall file the recommendations as a report with the

9 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and  
10 the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on or before January 15, 2024.