

HOUSE No. 3221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Ryan

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 energy bill equity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3221) of Daniel J. Ryan and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to authorize the Department of Energy to investigate household energy costs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to energy bill equity.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 study established to investigate household energy burdens in the Commonwealth of
3 Massachusetts. The study will be administered by the Department of Energy Resources and
4 investigate policy and regulatory mechanisms to improve affordability and equity. The study
5 shall explore topics including but not limited to:

6 (1) clean energy procurements and incentive programs;

7 (2) energy efficiency programs;

8 (3) climate resilience and adaptation program funding;

9 (4) current billing structure for electricity and gas consumers within the

10 Commonwealth;

11 (5) ratepayer affordability;

12 The Department of Energy Resources shall submit its findings and recommendations to
13 the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the chair of the house committee on ways
14 and means, the chair of the senate committee on ways and means, the chairs of joint committee
15 on telecommunications, utilities, and energy no later than twelve months after the passage of this
16 Act.