

HOUSE No. 4225

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 26, 2023.

The committee on Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 89) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to dairy farm participation in the clean peak standard incentive program, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4225) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL A. SCHMID, III.

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

An Act promoting dairy farms.

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 31. Subsection (c) of section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the
3 penultimate sentence the following:-

4 ; or (10) anaerobic digestion biomass to energy facilities and landfill gas to energy
5 facilities that are located in the commonwealth and are both operational and qualified as Class 1
6 renewable energy sources prior to November 7, 2021, which shall be eligible to participate in an
7 incentive program via a 1-time procurement for Class 1 renewable energy certificates which are
8 generated by existing anaerobic digestion facilities. The department shall determine eligibility
9 criteria for existing anaerobic digestion facilities to participate in such 1-time procurement, with
10 the total megawatt-hours being procured equal to the combined capacity of all facilities for up to
11 a 10-year term beginning January 1, 2024. Such megawatt-hour quantities shall be bid on a
12 contingent basis. Said 1-time procurement shall include a floor price sufficient to stimulate the
13 development of anaerobic digestion facilities.

SECTION 32. Section 40 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022 is hereby repealed.