

SENATE No. 2131

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 municipal light plant emergency mutual aid.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>4/10/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>5/11/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>9/26/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2024</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2131) of Anne M. Gobi, John C. Velis, Joanne M. Comerford, F. Jay Barrows and others for legislation relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4067 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid.

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 133 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by adding in the third paragraph at line 12 after the words “plant.” The
3 following sentence:

4 “Any municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid may sell, rent, or lease
5 equipment, fixtures, and goods of any description related to the provision of emergency mutual
6 aid”

7 And said section is further amended by adding after the fifth paragraph the following
8 sentence:

9 “Any employee of a municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid, shall be
10 covered by the provisions of chapter thirty-two, sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive, as may
11 be amended from time to time, and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if
12 performing such duties within the scope of his employment including voluntary assignments
13 authorized by the employer.”

14 And said section is further amended by adding in the sixth paragraph at line 27 after the
15 words “utility”, the following words: “or its employees”