

SENATE No. 2719

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, April 5, 2024.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2083) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to exempt prepaid wireless customers from E911 fees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2084) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to promote dairy farms; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2086) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to essential energy needs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2087) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to reasonable energy consumption; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2089) of Joanne M. Comerford and Mindy Domb for legislation to promote solar energy canopies on large parking lots; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2091) of Joanne M. Comerford and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to reform energy system planning for equity and climate transformation; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2092) of Joanne M. Comerford and Steven Owens for legislation to make methane accounting truthful helps; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2093) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to expand access to the fossil fuel free demonstration project; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2094) of Cynthia Stone Creem relative to promote low-income access to solar; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2095) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to support municipal light plants; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2099) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to promote access to zero-emission school buses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2101) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to authorize municipalities to impose a methane emissions surcharge and authorize non-pipeline alternatives; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2108) of Brendan P. Crighton and James B. Eldridge for legislation to reduce congestion and encourage shared rides; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2109) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to establish the Gateway cities Renewable, Efficient, and Electrified Neighborhoods initiative; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2111) of John J. Cronin relative to the establishment of municipal lighting authorities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2114) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Jack Patrick Lewis and John C. Velis for legislation relative to the proper disposal of miniatures; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2115) of Lydia Edwards and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated building; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2116) of James B. Eldridge, Danillo A. Sena, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Vanna

Howard for legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2117) of James B. Eldridge, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Vanna Howard, Jack Patrick Lewis and others for legislation to advance clean energy, equity, and innovation within municipal utilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2118) of James B. Eldridge, Vanna Howard, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation to ensure gas safety and consumer fairness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2119) of James B. Eldridge, Paul W. Mark, Steven Owens, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote solar energy development consistent with the commonwealth's 2050 next generation roadmap; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2121) of James B. Eldridge, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Vanna Howard and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to invest in a prosperous clean commonwealth by 2030; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2122) of Ryan C. Fattman and Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2123) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to natural gas shut-off valves, gate boxes and public safety; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2124) of Paul R. Feeney, Marc R. Pacheco, Jacob R. Oliveira, Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to ensure safety and transparency in pipeline repair; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2125) of Paul R. Feeney and Michael D. Brady for legislation to reduce administrative burden for government and industry; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2126) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to solar energy grants at posts of veterans' organizations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2127) of Paul R. Feeney, Paul W. Mark, Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to healthy and sustainable schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2129) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation relative to anaerobic digestion and agricultural energy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2130) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to monthly minimum reliability contributions; (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; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2133) of Adam Gomez for legislation to establish standards for the pole attachment process to facilitate the construction of broadband networks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2138) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Rebecca L. Rausch, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Marc R. Pacheco and others for legislation to protect ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2141) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to promote energy and economic resilience through clean energy education and job pathway programs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2146) of Joan B. Lovely and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to reform the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company board of directors; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2149) of Paul W. Mark and Jonathan D. Zlotnik for legislation relative to fair and stable utility pricing; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2151) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to provide for natural gas workforce safety; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2153) of Michael O. Moore, Rodney M. Elliott, Mathew J. Muratore, Adam Scanlon and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts; (accompanied by

bill, Senate, No. 2155) of Susan L. Moran for legislation to analyze the benefits of burying utility wires; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2156) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to recycling nips; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2158) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to air monitoring stations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2159) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to solar-powered mobility networks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2160) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to the impact of natural gas transfer facilities on public health; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2161) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to provide solar energy to state agencies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2162) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to anaerobic digestion; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2163) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to prohibit public and ratepayer funding of clearcutting forests and woodlands; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2164) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to allow municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2165) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation relative to pipeline siting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2167) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation for a clean energy Commonwealth by 2035; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2169) of Marc R. Pacheco and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2171) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to establishing a residential PACE program to provide long-term financing for home energy system improvements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2173) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to net metering of solar facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2175) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to empower residential housing property upgrades, homeowner savings, and a robust workforce; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2176) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to spark the construction of 21st century buildings; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2179) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation to reduce gas leaks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2180) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to ensure adequate and affordable energy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2181) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to electricity reliability and capacity; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2182) of Bruce E. Tarr and F. Jay Barrows for legislation relative to offshore wind procurement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2183) of Walter F. Timilty and Mark J. Cusack for legislation relative to fair radius restrictions of transfer stations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2184) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to require notification of hazardous utility work to local and regional emergency departments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2185) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2394) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Arthur Desloges, for legislation to update the citizens advisory panel and strengthening citizen participation on the panel for the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2488) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to update and decrease a carbon emissions limit that achieves at least net zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2719).

For the committee,
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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be authorized
2 and directed to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered
3 2083, 2084, 2086, 2087, 2089, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2099, 2101, 2108, 2109, 2111,
4 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2129, 2130,
5 2131, 2133, 2138, 2141, 2146, 2149, 2151, 2153, 2155, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162,
6 2163, 2164, 2165, 2167, 2169, 2171, 2173, 2175, 2176, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184,
7 2185, 2394, and 2488 relative to matters of telecommunications, utilities and energy.