HOUSE . . . . No. 2238

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Rosario Turco

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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 rate fairness for water and sewer ratepayers under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jeffrey Rosario Turco	*19th Suffolk*	*1/8/2025*

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By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2238) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to require the State Auditor to audit cities and towns for certain assessments charged for the furnishing of sewer or water services. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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An Act relative to rate fairness for water and sewer ratepayers under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

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 10A as section 10A of chapter 372 of the acts of 1984, as inserted by section 244

2   of chapter 110 of the acts of 1993 is amended by inserting the following:

3   Section 10B. Any city or town which elects to include in such assessments and charges,

4   costs actually incurred in the furnishing of sewer or water services as provided in Section 10A

5   shall be audited, for such assessments and charges, by the Office of the State Auditor not less

6   than every three years. Such audit shall include but not be limited to a review of all chargebacks

7   and expenses as well as a staffing analysis which shall determine whether a substantial majority

8   of each employee's time is a cost actually incurred in the furnishing of sewer or water services as

9   opposed to unrelated municipal services.