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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3486

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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:	DATE ADDED:
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/10/2025*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/16/2025*
Kelly W. Pease	*4th Hampden*	*1/14/2025*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*2/18/2025*
Peter J. Durant	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*2/19/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*6/12/2025*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*4/28/2025*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/21/2025*
Joan Meschino	*3rd Plymouth*	*2/19/2025*
Adrianne Pusateri Ramos	*14th Essex*	*3/6/2025*
Adam J. Scanlon	*14th Bristol*	*2/27/2025*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*4/2/2025*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*3/14/2025*

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By Representative Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3486) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

SECTION 1. Section 133 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding in the third paragraph at line 12 after the words "plant." The following sentence:

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

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

"Any employee of a municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid, shall be covered by the provisions of chapter thirty-two, sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive, as may 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:

16 "or its employees"