

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3567**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron L. Saunders*

*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 energy generation payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>11/6/2025</i>

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By Representative Saunders of Belchertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3567) of Aaron L. Saunders relative to energy generation payments. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to energy generation payments.

*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 1. Section 139 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “applicable rate” the following:-

3           “(3) A distribution company shall provide payment to a customer for a credit under  
4 Section 139(a)(1) of this Chapter provided that such credit has been carried forward for six  
5 months or more. For the purpose of determining the age of a credit, a distribution company  
6 shall apply any applicable costs against the most recent credit issued by the distribution  
7 company. A distribution company customer eligible for payment under this section may opt to  
8 defer payment.

9           (4) A distribution company shall provide payment to a customer for any outstanding  
10 credit under Section 139(a)(1) of this Chapter within 30 days of the customer closing the account  
11 with the distribution company.

12           (5) Payments received by a distribution company customer pursuant to Section 139(a)(3)  
13 and Section 139(a)(4) of this Chapter shall not be considered to be a credit, rebate,  
14 environmental attribute, renewable energy credit, or other payment or offset that may be  
15 construed to be attributable to a renewable energy system.

16           Section 2. The department shall promulgate regulations pursuant to this subsection  
17 including, but not limited to, a schedule for payments at least once annually; method of payment  
18 including the option for a distribution company customer to receive an electronic transfer of  
19 funds; notice to a distribution company customer of payment eligibility; and process for deferral  
20 of payments.”