

HOUSE No. 974

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 solar panel recycling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 974) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to solar panel recycling. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act relative to solar panel recycling.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby
2 established within the executive office of energy and environmental affairs a Solar Panel
3 Recycling Advisory Group to review and advise the legislature on policies pertaining to the
4 recovery and recycling of solar panel infrastructure sold and used within the commonwealth. The
5 advisory group shall consult with local universities and research institutions that have conducted
6 research in the area of solar panel infrastructure recycling, manufacturers of solar photovoltaic
7 panels, and the recycling industry.

8 SECTION 2. The advisory group shall consist of: the secretary of energy and
9 environmental affairs, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of
10 environmental protection, or a designee; one member of the toxics use reduction institute; the
11 executive director of the Massachusetts clean energy center, or their designee; 3 members to be
12 appointed by the governor; 1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 1

13 member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker; 1 member of the senate
14 appointed by the senate minority leader; and 1 member of the house of representatives to be
15 appointed by the house minority leader.

16 SECTION 3. The Solar Panel Recycling Advisory Group shall submit its final report of
17 the findings and recommendations to the executive office of energy and environmental affairs;
18 the department of environmental protection; the joint committee on environment, natural
19 resources and agriculture; and the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives no later
20 than 1 year after the passage of this bill.