

HOUSE No.

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 automatic re-enrollment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3180 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to automatic re-enrollment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

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 1 of Chapter 174 of the Acts of 2022, as most recently amended by
2 Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2023, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “benefits” the
3 second time it appears the following: -

4 “When developing such portal, said agencies shall ensure that individuals and households
5 who apply and receive fuel assistance through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance
6 Program will be automatically re-enrolled for such benefits for the following heating season, so
7 long as such persons or households continue to meet the federal and state eligibility
8 requirements, as determined by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. For
9 the purposes of this section, the term “heating season” shall mean the period between November

- 10 1 and April 30 of each year, unless otherwise designated by the Executive Office of Housing and
- 11 Livable Communities.”