

HOUSE No. 467

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Priscila S. Sousa

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 regularizing water rates for tenants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 467) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to water rates for tenants. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act regularizing water rates for tenants.

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 22 of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (g) after the words “water
3 consumption for the entire premises” the following:

4 “; Multiplied by each individual submeter’s applicable municipal rate determined by each
5 submetered unit’s total individual usage.”

6 SECTION 2. Said section 22 of chapter 186, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
7 by inserting in subsection (g) after the words “shown on such bill or invoice” the following:

8 “The landlord shall be responsible for all additional water costs resulting from increased
9 municipal rates due to the total water usage of the entire premises.”