

**SENATE . . . . . No. 188**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

*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 allowing the board of state examiners of plumbers and gas fitters to vary regulations to advance reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>11/5/2025</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 188) of Michael J. Barrett and Pavel M. Payano for legislation to allow the board of state examiners of plumbers and gas fitters to vary regulations to advance reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act allowing the board of state examiners of plumbers and gas fitters to vary regulations to advance reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

*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 13 of chapter 142 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “thereof”, in line 9, the following  
3 words:- ; and provided further, that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,  
4 grounds for such variances by examiners may include the advancement of reductions in  
5 greenhouse gas emissions needed to advance the health of building occupants and reductions in  
6 greenhouse gas emissions needed to meet the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits and  
7 sublimits established in chapter 21N.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 13 of said chapter 142, as so appearing, is hereby further  
9 amended by inserting after the word “thereof”, in line 24, the following words:- ; provided,  
10 however, that notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary,  
11 grounds for making, altering, amending and repealing such rules and regulations may include the

- 12 advancement of the health of building occupants and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- 13 needed to meet the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits and sublimits established pursuant
- 14 to chapter 21N.