

SENATE No. 2281

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dylan A. Fernandes

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 bringing Mass Save in line with climate mandates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Dylan A. Fernandes

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Barnstable

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By Mr. Fernandes, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2281) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to bring MassSave in line with climate mandates. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act bringing Mass Save in line with climate mandates.

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. The title of section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “funding for energy
3 efficiency,” the following words:- and decarbonization.

4 SECTION 2. The title of section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the
5 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “gas energy efficiency
6 programs” .

7 SECTION 3. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
8 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 3 after the words “to fund energy efficiency,” the
9 following words:- and decarbonization.

10 SECTION 4. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
11 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 23 after the words “for energy efficiency,” the
12 following word:- , decarbonization.

13 SECTION 5. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
14 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 27 after the words “all available efficiency” the
15 following words:- and decarbonization.

16 SECTION 6. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
17 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 32 after the word “cooling” the following words:-
18 as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

19 SECTION 7. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
20 Edition, is hereby amended in lines 35, 36 and 37 by striking out the words “The Department
21 may approve and fund gas energy efficiency programs proposed by gas distribution companies
22 including, but limited to, demand side management programs” .

23 SECTION 8. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
24 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting a new sentence in line 39 after the sentence ending with
25 the words “heating and cooling projects” the following words:- Such projects shall be
26 administered by the electric distribution companies and by municipal aggregators with energy
27 plans certified by the department under subsection (b) of section 134 of chapter 164.

28 SECTION 9. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
29 Edition, is hereby amended in lines 41 and 42 by striking out the words, “The programs shall be
30 administered by the gas distribution companies” .

31 SECTION 10. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
32 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 44 after the word “efficiency” the
33 following words:- and decarbonization.

34 SECTION 11. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
35 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 49 after the word “cooling” the following
36 words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

37 SECTION 12. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
38 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 51 by striking out the words “and gas” .

39 SECTION 13. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
40 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 44 after the words “energy efficiency”
41 the following words:- and decarbonization.

42 SECTION 14. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
43 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 61 by striking out the words “and gas” .

44 SECTION 15. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
45 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 71 after the word “cooling” the following
46 words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

47 SECTION 16. Section 19 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
48 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 73 by striking out the words “and gas” .

49 SECTION 17. The title of section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the
50 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “and natural gas” .

51 SECTION 18. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
52 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 3 by striking out the words “and natural gas” .

53 SECTION 19. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
54 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines 13, 14 and 15 by striking out the words “and the

55 natural gas distribution companies shall jointly prepare a natural gas efficiency investment plan.
56 Each” and inserting in its place the word:- The.

57 SECTION 20. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
58 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 18 after the words “energy efficiency”
59 the following words:- and decarbonization.

60 SECTION 21. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
61 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 22 after the word “cooling” the following
62 words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

63 SECTION 22. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
64 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 31 after the word “cooling” the following
65 words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

66 SECTION 23. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
67 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 39 after the word “cooling” the following
68 words:- as set forth in this section.

69 SECTION 24. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
70 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 124 after the word “cooling” the
71 following words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

72 SECTION 25. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
73 Official Edition, is hereby amended in lines 135, 140, 142, 145, 153, and 169 by striking out the
74 words “and natural gas” .

75 SECTION 26. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
76 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 161 after the word “cooling” the
77 following words:- as set forth in section b(2) of section 21 of this chapter.

78 SECTION 27. Section 21 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
79 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 183 by striking out the words “or natural gas” .

80 SECTION 28. The title of section 22 of chapter 25 of General Laws, as appearing in the
81 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended after the words “energy efficiency” by inserting the
82 following words:- and decarbonization.

83 SECTION 29. The first sentence of section 22(a) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most
84 recently amended by section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the
85 words “convene an energy efficiency” by inserting the following words:- and decarbonization.

86 SECTION 30. The last sentence of Section 22(a) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most
87 recently amended by section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the
88 words “each of the electric” by striking out the words “and natural gas” .

89 SECTION 31. Section 22(b) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
90 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “through energy
91 efficiency” by inserting the following word:- , decarbonization.

92 SECTION 32. Section 22(b) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
93 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “statewide energy
94 efficiency” by inserting the following words:- and decarbonization.

95 SECTION 33. Section 22(b) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
96 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “and
97 recommended long term efficiency,” by inserting the following word:- , decarbonization.

98 SECTION 34. Section 22(b) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
99 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “approval of
100 efficiency,” by inserting the following word:- , decarbonization.

101 SECTION 35. Section 22(c) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
102 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “these purposes
103 from the” by striking out words “natural gas and” .

104 SECTION 36. Section 22(d) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
105 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out both instances of
106 the words “and natural gas” .

107 SECTION 37. Section 22(b) of chapter 25 of General Laws, as most recently amended by
108 section 140 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended after the words “the total energy
109 efficiency,” by inserting the following words:- and decarbonization.