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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, August 11, 2025.

The committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 550) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to a statewide plan for the management of solar panels and batteries; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Michael D. Brady and Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a lithium-ion battery stewardship program, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2569).

For the committee,  
Rebecca L. Rausch

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An Act relative to solar and battery decommissioning and stewardship.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 21C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 31. (a) The department shall develop a comprehensive statewide plan for the  
3 environmentally responsible management of end-of-life solar photovoltaic panels and energy  
4 storage system batteries, including but not limited to lithium-ion batteries.

5 (b) The department shall develop the comprehensive statewide plan in consultation with  
6 the department of energy resources and the Massachusetts clean energy technology center  
7 established in section 2 of chapter 23J, and in collaboration with a stakeholder group with  
8 representatives from the solar industry, local governments, the solid waste industry,  
9 environmentalists, recyclers and other interested parties. The plan shall be updated every 10  
10 years, or more frequently, as determined by the commissioner.

11 (c) In developing the comprehensive statewide plan, the department shall consider: (i)  
12 potential environmental hazards, including but not limited to fires; (ii) potential reuse,  
13 refurbishment, recycling, disposal, and demolition; (iii) the current and projected volume of solar

14 panels and batteries used in the commonwealth, including but not limited to anticipated life  
15 cycles; (iv) anticipated infrastructure needs, including but not limited to transportation of  
16 materials; (v) emerging technologies; (vi) potential scaled manufacturer or installer stewardship  
17 programs; (vii) anticipated costs to implement the plan; (viii) statutory recommendations, if any;  
18 and (ix) other matters pertaining to solar panel and battery decommissioning and stewardship, in  
19 the department's discretion.

20 (d) Not later than December 1, 2026, the department shall submit the plan to the chairs of  
21 the joint committee on environment and natural resources and the clerks of the house and senate.

22 (e) The department shall post the plan and any subsequent revisions on its website.