

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3492

TITLE: An Act relative to emergency back up power at gasoline stations

SPONSOR: Representative William C. Galvin

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 16, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2022-2023: H.3163 heard by committee; sent to study
2021-2022: H.3305 heard by committee; sent to study
2019-2020: H.2857 heard by committee; sent to study
2017-2018: H.1742 heard by committee; sent to study
2015-2016: H.2877 heard by committee; sent to study
2013-2014: Refile H2939. heard by committee; sent to study

CURRENT LAW:
N/A

SUMMARY:

This legislation requires all businesses that sell or dispense motor fuel on a 24-hour day for everyday basis and that advertise their services on any highway within the Commonwealth to install and maintain alternative power generation devices, allowing any service station to continue dispensing motor fuel during power outages. Failure to comply with this requirement results in a \$1,000 fine for the first offense and a \$2,500 fine for any subsequent offense.