

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY**

**BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H.3545

**TITLE:** An Act relative to energy conservation

**SPONSOR:** Representative Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

**COMMITTEE:** Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

**HEARING DATE:** September 25, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** 2023-2024: H.3207 heard by Committee; reported favorably by TUE and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; ordered to a Third Reading; no further action taken  
2021-2022: H.3361 heard by Committee; no further action taken.  
2019-2020: H. 2917 reported favorably by TUE, referred to House Ways and Means; no further action taken.

**CURRENT LAW:**

Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 concerned the restructuring of the electric utility industry in Massachusetts. Section 335 of said chapter permitted the use of an energy monitoring system installed in rental housing prior to July 1, 1997 for the purpose of allocating costs for heat or air conditioning to the tenant.

**SUMMARY:**

This bill amends Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 by eliminating the condition in section 335 that an energy monitoring system must have been installed prior to July 1, 1997 in order for its use allocating costs for heat or air conditioning to a tenant to be permitted.

This would allow all energy monitoring systems, regardless of when they were installed, to be used for this specified purpose.