

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3575

TITLE: An Act relative to the Mass Save program

SPONSOR: Rep. Jeffrey Turco

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: September 25, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: New bill

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 25, §21: Establishes the Mass Save program. It requires gas and electric distribution companies to develop and implement energy efficiency programs. Utilities must file joint three-year energy efficiency investment plans with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Plans are reviewed by the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) and approved/modified by the DPU. Plans must include a “comprehensive array” of energy efficiency measures and be cost-effective, equitable, and consistent with state climate and energy policies. The programs are paid through ratepayer funds (system benefits charges), with provisions for cost recovery.

SUMMARY:

This legislation would require Mass Save to offer a rebate at point-of-sale for any heat pump for which a customer qualifies. Mass Save currently requires customers to request rebates after they have purchased a heat pump.