

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3973

TITLE: An Act relative to collective procurement of energy supply

SPONSOR: Representative Michael P. Kushmerek

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: June 4, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: *New bill*

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 164 of the General Laws pertains to the manufacture and sale of gas and electricity. Section 47E pertains to facilities for operation of telecommunications systems for municipal use; construction, purchase, lease and maintenance; and debt.

Chapter 30A refers to the Administrative Procedures Act governs the process state agencies must follow when adopting, repealing or amending regulations.

SUMMARY:

This bill adds a new section 47F to Chapter 164 of the General Laws, which authorizes investor-owned distribution companies and municipal light plants to enter agreements to collectively bid for joint procurement of energy supply. It further requires the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to promulgate any regulations, consistent with Chapter 30A of the General Laws, that are necessary to implement Section 47F's provisions.