

# The Energy Bill



## S. 2372 An Act to Promote Energy Diversity

### Summary

- 1 This legislation is another step forward in diversifying our energy supply while moving Massachusetts towards our green energy future. This bill reduces our reliance on fossil fuels while also addressing unacceptably high electricity rates.
- 2 To meet Massachusetts' energy demand, the bill allows for the procurement of approximately 1,600MW of offshore wind.
- 3 In an effort to enhance ratepayer savings associated with the procurement of renewable energy resources, this bi-partisan legislation authorizes the use of energy storage technologies paired with renewable power generation.

### The Senate bill was offered as an amendment to the energy bill passed by the House of Representatives



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## STATUS



## Signed into Law

Massachusetts leads the nation in energy efficiency. This bill embraces new technology and builds on additional clean energy resources to replace aging power plants that are going offline and move the Commonwealth closer to its emissions reduction goals under the Global Warming Solutions Act.

# RESPONSE

**The  
Boston  
Globe**

"The good news about the Senate energy legislation approved last week is that it means both chambers and the governor have now backed strong plans to help the Commonwealth break its dependency on fossil fuels."

- *Boston Globe, Editorial*

"The Senate energy bill will increase energy from offshore wind with sufficient scale to reduce costs for customers while creating manufacturing and high-tech jobs in our state. It ensures onshore wind, hydro and local renewables will make up a big part of our energy portfolio."

- *George Bachrach, President Environmental League of Massachusetts*



# INFOGRAPHICS

## Senate Energy Bill

Planning for the future & protecting ratepayers by increasing:



In energy markets

S.2372



For ratepayers



Of resources

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