

HOUSE No. 1761

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal energy use disclosure and reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul W. Mark

2nd Berkshire

Carlos Gonzalez

10th Hampden

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1761) of Paul W. Mark and Carlos Gonzalez relative to transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution sectors. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2900 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to municipal energy use disclosure and reporting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 94H the following section:-

3 Section 94I. Gas and electric companies shall file annually with the department of public
4 utilities schedules, in such form as the department shall from time to time prescribe, showing
5 total energy use and number of residential customers in each municipality; average energy use
6 per residential customer of each municipality; total energy use and number of commercial
7 customers in each municipality; and average climate change emissions express as carbon dioxide
8 equivalents per kilowatt hour (kwh) and per BTU. Electric companies shall publish the
9 percentage of each type of fuel used to generate electricity. Said schedules shall be printed in
10 such form and distributed and published in such manner as the department may require.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section
12 1J the following section:-

13 Section 1K. To promote transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution
14 sector for the commonwealth, the department of public utilities shall provide and make publicly
15 available on the internet, on an annual basis, all data involving energy use of residential and
16 commercial customers in each municipality in the commonwealth.

17 Said data shall include, but not be limited to the following: total energy use and number
18 of residential customers in each municipality; average energy use per residential customer of
19 each municipality; total energy use and number of commercial customers in each municipality;
20 and the average climate change emissions expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents per kilowatt
21 hour (kwh) and per BTU. Electric companies shall also publish the percentage of each type of
22 fuel used to generate electricity in the form of a pie chart.

23 The department shall update on its website postings to comply with this section within
24 seven business days of any change and post the date on which the information was updated. The
25 department shall publish aggregate data for each municipality in a manner allowing for the
26 comparison of data from year to year, and for comparison of the average fuel use per household
27 from municipality to municipality. Website postings shall include both numerical data and
28 graphs. A public utility may also post the information required but is not required to do so.

29 All website postings required by this Act must be sufficiently prominent as to be readily
30 accessible.

31 SECTION 3. Section 11G of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
32 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

33 Gas and electric companies shall file annually with the department of public utilities
34 schedules, in such form as the department shall from time to time prescribe, the following: the
35 number of households in each municipality that request about an energy assessment; the number
36 of households in each municipality that sign a contract to have energy efficiency upgrades; the
37 number of households in each municipality that complete contracted energy efficiency upgrades;
38 the average dollars spent on each household; and the average energy reductions per household.

39 So much of said schedules shall be printed in such form and distributed and published in
40 such manner that the data is readily understandable and available, and that the department may
41 require.

42 The department shall update on its website postings to comply with this section within
43 seven business days of any change and post the date on which the information was updated. The
44 department shall publish aggregate data for each municipality in a manner allowing for the
45 comparison of data from year to year. Website postings shall include both numerical data and
46 graphs. A public utility may also post the information required, but is not required to do so.

47 All website postings required by this Act must be sufficiently prominent as to be readily
48 accessible.