

HOUSE No. 02621

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Madden and

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Timothy R. Madden

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

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By Representatives Mr. Madden of Nantucket and Ms. Peake, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2621) of Madden relative to energy efficiency and conservation Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to encouraging energy efficiency and energy conservation.

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

- 1 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth encourages the reduction of usage and demand of fossil fuels,
- 2 and a reduction of harmful emissions; and

- 3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is already developing and encouraging the use of alternative
- 4 Energy by implementing renewable energy portfolio standards for retail electricity suppliers, and

- 5 WHEREAS, current RPS polices require an increasing portion of the state's electricity
- 6 consumption to come from renewable power sources, and

- 7 WHEREAS, improved efficiency and conservation of energy is an effective strategy for
- 8 lessening dependence on fossil fuels and addressing global climate change, and

- 9 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has an interest in encouraging retail electricity suppliers to
- 10 expand investment in energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

11 WHEREAS, there is a national trend to expand the RPS portfolio options to encourage reduction
12 of energy demand through energy efficiency and energy conservation to address global climate
13 change, and

14 WHEREAS, there is a great potential for achieving significant reductions in greenhouse gas
15 emissions through enhanced energy efficiency and energy conservation programs, and

16 WHEREAS, energy efficiency and energy conservation are inexpensive and immediately
17 deployable climate change solutions, and

18 WHEREAS, electricity energy efficiency programs in the Commonwealth are currently meeting
19 only one-third of the annual growth in electricity demand, and

20 WHEREAS, expanding PRS portfolio options to encourage reduction of energy demand will
21 help address these important issues,

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, Chapter
26 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
27 inserting after Section 11 F 1/2 (d), added by 2008, 169, Sec. 32 effective January 1, 2009. See
28 2008, 169, Sec. 119, the following Section:

29 Section e.

30 (e) The Department shall incorporate such measures into the alternative energy portfolio standard
31 for all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the Commonwealth to
32 allow for energy efficiency and energy conservation to constitute up to five percent of the
33 alternative energy portfolio. The department shall adopt regulations that establish the means
34 through which a supplier can comply with this provision.