

HOUSE No. 2871

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lori A. Ehrlich

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 gas leak repairs during road projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>

<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2871) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to gas leak repairs during road projects. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to gas leak repairs during road projects.

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 144 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section (c) and inserting, in place thereof, the
3 following:

4 (c) Upon the undertaking of a significant project involving the repair or paving of a
5 public way, the installation, replacement or repair of an underground water or sewer line or
6 underground electrical or other cable exposing confirmed natural gas infrastructure, a
7 municipality or the commonwealth or other entity responsible for the installation, replacement or
8 repair shall submit written notification of the project to a gas company. The gas company shall
9 survey the project area for the presence of gas leaks, and all leaks shall be repaired within 12
10 months of the date the leak was classified, with the exception of Grade 1 leaks, which shall be
11 repaired immediately, per Section 2 (b)(1). The repair and replacement schedule of gas leaks
12 shall be provided to the municipality or the commonwealth or other entity.