

HOUSE No. 2891

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 to establish a home heating commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul W. Mark

2nd Berkshire

Michelle M. DuBois

10th Plymouth

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2891) of Paul W. Mark and Michelle M. DuBois for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to reducing heating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting energy efficient heating systems in certain residential buildings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to establish a home heating commission.

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

1 Chapter 121B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 60 the
2 following section:

3 SECTION 61:

4 (a): A special commission referred to as the Home Heating Commission is hereby
5 established consisting of 10 members. The commission shall include: the Commissioner of the
6 Department of Energy Resources or a designee, the Commissioner of the Department of Public
7 Utilities or a designee, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or a
8 designee, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development or a
9 designee, the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy
10 or a designee, the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and
11 Energy or a designee, 1 member from the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network, 1 member

12 from the Massachusetts Association for Community Action, 1 member from the Massachusetts
13 Energy Directors Association, and 1 member representing a program administrator of the Mass
14 Save program.

15 (b): The Home Heating Commission shall investigate program and policy options
16 that reduce heating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and promote more energy efficient
17 heating systems in single family and multi-family residential buildings. The commission shall
18 recommend opportunities and ways to implement or expand the reach of those programs and
19 policies in Massachusetts, including but not limited to, the Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan
20 for 2016-2018 mandated by the Green Communities Act of 2008. The commission shall file its
21 report including findings and recommendations, together with any draft legislation, with the
22 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the house and senate
23 committees on ways and means not later than July 1, 2021.