

HOUSE No. 2893

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

José F. Tosado

9th Hampden

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2893) of Paul W. Mark and José F. Tosado relative to municipal energy use disclosure and reporting. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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