

HOUSE No. 3232

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

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 establishing a zero carbon renovation fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaña</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/5/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 3232

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3232) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to establish a zero carbon renovation fund to provide for the costs associated with energy efficiency renovations of certain existing buildings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing a zero carbon renovation fund.

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 23J of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

2 Section XXXX. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth
3 a fund to be known as the Zero Carbon Renovation Fund that shall be administered by the
4 Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center in consultation with the Department of Energy
5 Resources, who shall expend the funds for costs associated with the renovation of existing
6 buildings including affordable housing, public housing, homes rented or owned by low and
7 moderate income households, municipal buildings, including, but not limited to, public schools,
8 and small businesses with Massachusetts State Supplier Diversity Office Certifications to
9 conduct "Zero Carbon Renovations" so that these buildings shall, to the maximum extent
10 practicable: (i) be highly energy efficient: (ii) use all-electric heating, hot water, and cooking
11 technologies; (iii) include on-site renewable energy generating sources; and (iv) be renovated
12 with low-embodied carbon materials. Funds may also be expended as necessary for costs

13 associated with the remediation of existing building conditions which must be addressed before a
14 Zero Carbon Renovation can be completed. Such remediations may include but not be limited to
15 mitigation of mold, asbestos, insect and animal infestation, lead paint, electric system upgrades
16 to meet current code or facilitate building electrification, accessibility upgrades required for
17 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and remediation of any structural issues
18 related to accommodating the Zero Carbon Renovation. Said fund shall be available to buildings
19 throughout the commonwealth, while prioritizing affordable housing and low-to-moderate
20 income homes, public schools, and other buildings located in: (i) environmental justice
21 communities, as defined in section 62 of chapter 30, (ii) gateway cities, and (iii) communities
22 disproportionately impacted by COVID 19, provided that said funds shall be expended in a
23 manner that provides for geographic equity, and prioritizes interventions in a representative
24 sample of building typologies present in the commonwealth. There shall be credited to the fund
25 all amounts that are transferred, or authorized to be transferred thereto, or directed to be
26 deposited therein, and all amounts received as gifts, grants, or contributions for the purposes of
27 the fund. Any money remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
28 General Fund, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

29 XXXX-XXXX For a reserve, as established in Section XX of Chapter 23J of the General
30 Laws, to support the renovation of existing buildings including affordable housing, public
31 housing, homes of low- and moderate-income households, and municipal buildings, including,
32 but not limited to, public schools, and small businesses with Massachusetts State Supplier
33 Diversity Office Certifications, provided, that funds in this item shall be administered by the
34 Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center for Zero Carbon Renovations; provided further

35 that not less than \$300,000,000 shall be transferred to the Zero Carbon Renovation Fund
36\$300,000,000