

HOUSE No. 3399

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 energy production.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i> | <i>7th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Carlos Gonzalez</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3399) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to manufactured biomass fuel. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to energy production.

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. Subsection b of section 11 F 1/2 of chapter 25 is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following:- "...provided, that biomass woody fuel, manufactured
3 biomass fuel or any forest or farm derived fuel harvested for, shipped to or used by a biomass-
4 fueled power generator under the provisions of this chapter, shall only be sourced sustainably in
5 a manner that utilizes a carbon re-sequestration process that demonstrates a no net loss of forest
6 or crop cover, does not convert harvest areas to non-forest uses, maintains biomass harvest areas
7 in their natural state for a time period that is sufficient to re-sequester the carbon dioxide that was
8 released through the combustion of the biomass, and does not deplete carbon stocks over a
9 reasonable time period and meets sustainability standards promulgated by the department and
10 provided further, that no forest biomass shall be harvested or used by said power generators in
11 violation of the regulatory and statutory provisions contained in the Forest Futures Visioning
12 Process convened by the department of conservation and recreation, and provided further, no
13 biomass woody fuel or manufactured biomass fuel shall be harvested for, shipped to or used by

- 14 said generators in a manner that violates the greenhouse gas reduction provisions of the Global
- 15 Warming Solutions Act."