

SENATE No. 01655

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring a plan for electrical service restoration in the event of a disruption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1655) of Tarr, Ross, Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation to require electrical service restoration in the event of a disruption [Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act requiring a plan for electrical service restoration in the event of a disruption.

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. Section 129C of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 Whoever being engaged in the business of transmitting electricity shall draft and maintain
5 a written plan detailing steps for restoring electrical service in the event of a loss of service due
6 to some event, whether natural or man-made. Each plan shall detail communications procedures
7 for first responders who are or will potentially be faced with down power lines, displaced
8 electrical devices or equipment, and similar emergent conditions that may compromise public
9 safety. Each such plan shall be approved in advance of implementation by the highest ranking
10 fire protection personnel and applicable body in each municipality or subdivision in which
11 electrical service is provided. Both the entity subject to the plan and the municipality or

12 subdivision shall keep a copy of the written plan on file. Failure to maintain a plan shall be
13 punished by a fine of not more than five-hundred dollars.

14 SECTION 2. Section 129C of of chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
15 inserting, after the words "Each violation", in line 20, the words:- "of any part".