

SENATE No. 01672

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Hart, Jr.

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 relative to the monitoring of natural gas.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

John Hart, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Hart, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1672) of Hart for legislation to monitor natural gas [Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 1497 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the monitoring of natural gas.

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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, as appearing in the 2000 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 70B. The Department of Telecommunications and Energy shall require local
4 distribution companies to survey their gas piping system for leak detection. Upon finding a
5 natural gas leak, the leak must be investigated, graded and monitored. The surveying,
6 investigating, grading and monitoring of these leaks shall be done by employees of local
7 distribution companies and reported to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.