

SENATE No. 1977

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 promoting clean energy storage.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Adam G. Hinds</i> | <i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>2/8/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1977) of Adam G. Hinds, Patrick M. O'Connor and Julian Cyr for legislation to promote clean energy storage. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act promoting clean energy storage.

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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause forty-fifth A the following clause:-

3 Forty-fifth B. Any energy storage system, as defined in Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016,
4 which is being utilized for the energy needs of property taxable under this chapter; provided,
5 however, that the exemption under this clause shall be allowed only for a period of twenty years
6 from the date of the installation of such system or device.

7 SECTION 2. On or before January 1, 2021, the department of energy resources shall
8 establish and maintain an incentive program supporting the installation of energy storage
9 systems, as defined in Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016, on customer premises. The department
10 may consider the following funding sources for said incentive program, including but not limited
11 to: the use of alternative compliance payments and the use of energy efficiency funds under
12 section 19 of chapter 25 of the General Laws if the department determines that the energy

13 storage system installed at a customer's premises provides sustainable peak load reductions on
14 either the electric or gas distribution systems or is otherwise cost-effective and consistent with
15 section 11G of chapter 25A of the General Laws. The department shall implement this program
16 consistent with its authority under section 11G of chapter 25A of the General Laws and may
17 promulgate regulations consistent with this section.

18 SECTION 3. Section 6 of Chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
19 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (xx) the following subsection:-

20 (yy) Sales of energy storage systems, as defined in Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016, until
21 the date of December 31, 2025, at which time energy storage systems shall not be exempt under
22 this section.