

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2470**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**  
**(2015-2016)**  
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SENATE, Wednesday, July 27, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers (Senate, No. 1758),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2470).

For the committee,  
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to the protection of propane gas ratepayers.

*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 94 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

3           A contract or agreement for the sale of propane for residential heating shall be in writing  
4 and contain all the terms and conditions for delivery and shall include an itemized list of the  
5 amount of fees, charges, surcharges or penalties. No contract or agreement for the sale of  
6 propane for residential heating between a dealer and retail consumer shall have an automatic  
7 renewal clause unless the consumer has the right to terminate any future automatic renewal  
8 through written notice given not less than 30 days prior to the date the automatic renewal takes  
9 effect.

10           A propane gas dealer who operates in the commonwealth shall make the daily delivery  
11 price of propane for residential heating customers available in a clear and conspicuous manner.  
12 If the propane gas dealer operates a website for commonwealth customers, the daily delivery  
13 price shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed on the dealer's website.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall apply to contracts or agreements for the sale of propane, or  
15 any renewals thereof, entered into on or after January 1, 2017.

16 SECTOIN 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.