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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cory Atkins**

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*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 regulation of a corporation that lays, erects, maintains, or repairs the gas lines or pipes in a municipality.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Cory Atkins | 14th Middlesex |
| Bill Bowles | 2nd Bristol |
| Stephen L. DiNatale | 3rd Worcester |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1914 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to regulation of a corporation that lays, erects, maintains, or repairs the gas lines or pipes in a municipality.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 75 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

A corporation subject to this chapter shall inform the municipality of the location of all shutoff valves, to protect the health, safety, convenience and property of the inhabitants of the municipality, in the event of an emergency.

The corporation shall also inform the fire department in the municipality of the existence of any gas leak, when and where it occurred and the date on which it was repaired.