

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cory Atkins

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.

PETITION OF:

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.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 75 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-
- 3 A corporation subject to this chapter shall inform the municipality of the location of all shutoff valves, to
- 4 protect the health, safety, convenience and property of the inhabitants of the municipality, in the event of
- 5 an emergency.
- 6 The corporation shall also inform the fire department in the municipality of the existence of any gas leak,
- 7 when and where it occurred and the date on which it was repaired.