

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Downing

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 authorizing biomass net metering.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Downing

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BIOMASS NET METERING.

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 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended by adding the following
- 2 definition after the term "agriculture":- "biomass net metering facility", a facility for the production of
- 3 electrical energy that uses biomass power conversion technologies using fuels such as wood, by-
- 4 products or waste from agricultural crops, food or animals, energy crops, biogas, liquid biofuel including
- 5 but not limited to biodiesel, organic refuse-derived fuel, or algae to generate electricity and is
- 6 interconnected to a distribution company."
- 7 SECTION 2. Said section 138 is amended in line 33, after "agricultural net metering facility" by inserting
- 8 the following:- "biomass net metering facility,".
- 9 SECTION 3. Said section 138 is amended in line 49, after "agricultural net metering facility" by inserting
- 10 the following:- "biomass net metering facility,".
- 11 SECTION 4. Said section 138 is amended in line 55, after "solar net metering" by inserting the following:-
- 12 ", biomass net metering,".
- 13 SECTION 5. Section 139(a) (1) of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended in line 6, after "wind" by
- 14 inserting the following:- ", biomass,".

15 SECTION 6. Section 139(2) (f) of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended in line 5, after “facility” by
16 inserting the following:- “or a biomass net metering facility”.

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