

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

*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 to conserve conventional fuel energy by making more effecient use of solar energy

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tolman, Steven (SEN)	Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00781 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT TO CONSERVE CONVENTIONAL FUEL ENERGY BY MAKING MORE EFFECIENT  
USE OF SOLAR ENERGY.

*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. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21 the  
2 following new section:--

3 SECTION 22. The owner of a two family apartment building, when said owner occupies one of  
4 the apartments, may, with the willing consent of the tenant, install a water meter on his solar hot  
5 water tank and charge the tenant for hot water drawn from said solar tank. Any such water meter  
6 must be installed so that it measures only the solar hot water used by the tenant.

7 Charges for solar hot water shall be at the current rate charged to the owner by the entity  
8 supplying the water. It shall be the responsibility of the tenant to notify the owner of any  
9 problem in the hot water system, which might cause an increase in hot water used. If the owner

- 10 fails to repair the problem within five working days after notification, the tenant may contract to
- 11 have the necessary repairs made at the expense of the owner.