

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*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 promote alternative energy on farms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00473 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ON FARMS.

*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. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and directed to  
2 establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation with  
3 MasDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups of  
4 farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems;  
5 implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving  
6 systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In  
7 establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent  
8 practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the  
9 purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving  
10 linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed  
11 appropriate by DAR.