

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 Provide Emergency Relief for Electric Customers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

William F. Galvin, Secretary of the
Commonwealth

Jennifer L. Flanagan

Worcester and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS.

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

1 Be it enacted:

2 Section 1 subsection (7) of section 1F of Chapter 164 of the General Laws appearing in the
3 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the fifth and sixth and seventh sentences as
4 so appearing beginning at line 237 and inserting in place thereof the following:

5 Any person, firm, electric or generation company, supplier, or other corporation doing
6 business in the commonwealth who violates any provisions of said code or of any rule or
7 regulation promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 1A to 1H, inclusive, or any
8 provision of chapter 93A, pursuant to authority established by section 102C, shall be subject to
9 a civil penalty not to exceed \$500,000 for each violation for each day that the violation persists.
10 Any person or entity shall have the right to a hearing on the fine assessed; provided however
11 if the department determines that an emergency exists because of a violation or series of
12 violations which has interrupted service, the department may with notice immediately impose
13 daily fines or in an appropriate case order another supplier or entity to provide service or repair
14 facilities and impose further consequential damages.