

HOUSE No. 2886

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to further reducing energy use by encouraging investments in energy efficiency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2886) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a voluntary accelerated energy efficiency rebate pilot program within the Department of Public Utilities. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2948 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to further reducing energy use by encouraging investments in energy efficiency.

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 19 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting,
3 in place thereof, the following section:—

4 (d) There shall be a voluntary accelerated rebate pilot program which shall be made
5 available to up to 10 eligible commercial or industrial electric users in each utility service
6 territory. Multiple locations of the same customer shall not be aggregated for purposes of
7 meeting this threshold.

8 Eligible customers electing to participate in the accelerated pilot program shall notify the
9 appropriate electric distribution company, gas company or municipal aggregator, hereafter

10 known as the program administrator, on or before January 31 of each calendar year during the
11 pilot program.

12 After initial notice, the utilities may, alone or in coordination with other program
13 administrators, determine the best candidates for the pilot using the following criteria: (a) the
14 scope and completeness of the customer's proposed programs (b) the likelihood of energy,
15 environmental or related savings from said program (c) the customer's capacity to implement
16 such measures (d) the ability to use measures in other facilities owned by similar industries.
17 Should more than 10 customers indicate their desire to participate in said pilot the utilities shall
18 alone or in coordination with other program administrators, determine the best customers using
19 the criteria above.

20 Customers electing to participate shall be eligible for financial support of up to 100 per
21 cent of the cost for qualified energy efficiency measures, as determined by the program
22 administrator, using criteria included in the efficiency investment plans established by section
23 21. Total rebate levels for participating customers in any year of the pilot program shall not
24 exceed 90 per cent of the amount the customer was charged for energy efficiency programs
25 during calendar year 2012.

26 A participating customer shall not aggregate a rebate from any year in which the
27 customer does not participate in the pilot program. Qualified energy efficiency measures shall
28 include cost-effective energy efficiency program measures approved by the applicable program
29 administrator recognized by the department using criteria under section 21; provided, however,
30 that up to 15 per cent of any accelerated rebate may be used for other improvements that support
31 energy efficiency improvements made under a program approved by the department or emission

32 reductions, including, but not limited to, infrastructure improvements, metering, circuit level
33 technology and software. Customers opting to receive an accelerated rebate shall be ineligible for
34 other energy efficiency program rebates under section 21 during the period in which they
35 participate in the pilot program. All qualified installations shall be substantially completed by the
36 end of the program, and shall be subject to verification and review by the department. Electric
37 and gas distribution companies shall recalibrate their energy efficiency goals, as reviewed by the
38 energy efficiency advisory council under subsection (c) of said section 21, to reflect the rebates
39 provided to any customer electing to participate in this pilot program. Nothing in this subsection
40 shall be construed to cause a decrease in the funding of the low-income residential demand-side
41 management and education programs funded under this section.