

HOUSE No. 1914

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, petition of Cory Atkins and others for legislation to further regulate certain corporations responsible for the installation and maintenance of gas lines or pipes in cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Cory Atkins	Jennifer M. Callahan
Denise Provost	James E. Timilty
Kay Khan	Christine E. Canavan
Stephen L. DiNatale	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGULATION OF A CORPORATION THAT LAYS, ERECTS, MAINTAINS, OR REPAIRS THE GAS LINES OR PIPES IN A MUNICIPALITY.

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 75 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following 2 paragraphs:—
- 4 A corporation subject to this chapter shall inform the municipality
- 5 of the location of all shutoff valves, to protect the health, safety, con-
- 6 venience and property of the inhabitants of the municipality, in the
- 7 event of an emergency.
- 8 The corporation shall also inform the fire department in the
- 9 municipality of the existence of any gas leak, when and where it
- 10 occurred and the date on which it was repaired.