

HOUSE No. 3286

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey that owners of buildings and tenants be permitted to install renewable energy products under a “pay as you save program”. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAY AS YOU SAVE PROGRAM IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. Notwithstanding any General Law, Special Act, rule
2 or regulation to the contrary, the Commonwealth shall establish a
3 Pay-As-You-Save (PAYS) pilot project. The project shall allow
4 building owners and tenants to purchase and install renewable
5 energy products with no up-front payment or debt commitment.
6 Instead, the owner or tenant’s energy supplier, a third-party capital
7 provider or product vendor shall provide the up-front capital to pur-
8 chase the equipment, and shall be repaid through a charge that shall
9 be added to owner or tenant’s utility bills for as long as the owner or
10 tenant occupies the building or until all debts are paid. Should the
11 owner or tenant vacate the building, the charge will pass to the next
12 owner or tenant.

1 SECTION 2. The PAYS charge shall be treated like any utility
2 charge, and non-payment by an owner or tenant can result in discon-
3 nection. The capital provider shall also be allowed to recover bad
4 debt.