

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3347

By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to establish energy efficiency standards for projects of the Department of Community Affairs, the Housing Finance Agency and the Home Mortgage Finance Agency. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Matthew C. Patrick  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SETTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY.

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

- 1 Chapter 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 11A the following new section:—
- 3 Section 11A½. The commissioner of energy resources shall set
- 4 standards for the energy-efficiency of residential buildings that
- 5 exceed state residential building code standards financed in whole or
- 6 part by the Department of Housing and Community Development,
- 7 the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency or by the Massachusetts
- 8 Home Mortgage Finance Agency. Such standards shall prohibit the
- 9 use of electric resistance heat unless the building is super insulated
- 10 pursuant to standards established by the commissioner. Heat pumps
- 11 that meet energy-efficiency standards established by the commis-
- 12 sioner are encouraged.
- 13 The Department of Housing and Community Development, the
- 14 Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and the Massachusetts
- 15 Home Mortgage Finance Agency shall not finance any projects
- 16 which do not meet the standards set by the commissioner of energy

17 resources pursuant to section eleven A<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the General Laws. This  
18 section shall not apply to projects approved by January 1st, two  
19 thousand.