

HOUSE No. 3352

By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to promote the use of renewable energy and reduce the use of fossil fuel generated electricity. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY.

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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section:—
3 e) The department shall set a goal for each distribution company
4 and retail provider of achieving zero growth of fossil fuel generated
5 electricity based upon ISO New England’s projections for new
6 demand of electric power supply growth within the three year time
7 period.
8 f) Contracts for renewables, efficiency and demand side manage-
9 ment that have longer terms shall be given a higher priority by the
10 department.
11 g) Within three years of the enactment of this legislation all distri-
12 bution companies and retail suppliers of electricity shall submit a
13 power supply procurement plan for their complete power supply
14 portfolio to the department for review and approval. Every five years
15 from that time going forward the department will undertake review
16 of all distribution companies and retail power suppliers lease cost
17 power supply procurement plans for review and approval.
18 h) The department shall set a new goal after three years, for distri-
19 bution companies and retail suppliers, that reduces the consumption

20 of fossil fuel based electricity from levels of usage current at that
21 time. The department's approval of the plans shall be based on how
22 well the distribution companies and retail suppliers achieve the
23 reduction of fossil fuel generated electricity in relation to the avail-
24 ability of non fossil fuel resources as determined by a consultant
25 under contract and employ of the department.

26 i) The consultant(s) under contract with the department shall be
27 paid through an assessment of each utility that shall be recoverable
28 through an increase in systems benefit charge for energy efficiency
29 programs.