

SENATE NO. 473

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ON FARMS

*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. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and directed to
2 establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation with
3 MassDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups of
4 farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems;
5 implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving
6 systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In
7 establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent
8 practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the
9 purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving
10 linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed
11 appropriate by DAR.