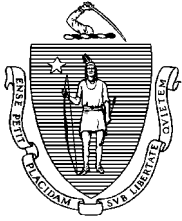


# SENATE NO. 781



## **AN ACT** TO CONSERVE CONVENTIONAL FUEL ENERGY BY MAKING MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SOLAR ENERGY

*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. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21  
2 the following new section:--

3 SECTION 22. The owner of a two family apartment building, when said owner occupies one of  
4 the apartments, may, with the willing consent of the tenant, install a water meter on his solar hot  
5 water tank and charge the tenant for hot water drawn from said solar tank. Any such water  
6 meter must be installed so that it measures only the solar hot water used by the tenant.

7 Charges for solar hot water shall be at the current rate charged to the owner by the entity  
8 supplying the water. It shall be the responsibility of the tenant to notify the owner of any  
9 problem in the hot water system, which might cause an increase in hot water used. If the owner

- 10 fails to repair the problem within five working days after notification, the tenant may contract to
- 11 have the necessary repairs made at the expense of the owner.