

SENATE NO. 1985

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENERGY PROJECTS

*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. Section 20 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws is hereby amended in section (a)(1)
2 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following —

3 Beginning on March 1, 1998, the department is hereby authorized and directed to require a
4 mandatory charge per kilowatt-hour for all electricity consumers of the commonwealth, except
5 those consumers served by a municipal lighting plant which does not supply generation service
6 outside its own service territory or does not open its service territory to competition at the retail
7 level, to support the development and promotion of renewable energy and other projects in
8 accordance with the provisions of section 4E of chapter 40J.

9 SECTION 2. Section 4E of Chapter 40J of the General Laws is hereby amended in section (f)(1)
10 by adding before the penultimate sentence the following new sentence —

11 Such funds may also be used for geothermal heating and cooling systems with a minimum of
12 100 tons of heating-cooling capacity that are owned and utilized by not-for-profit institutions in
13 the commonwealth.