

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4316

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By Mr. Shattuck of Pepperell, petition of George W. Shattuck and another that provision be made for the payment by the Commonwealth of a royalty to persons who drill or mine and discover subterranean fossil fuel on public lands within the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

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### AN ACT PROVIDING ROYALTIES TO THE COMMONWEALTH FROM DRILLERS OF SUBTERRANEAN FOSSIL FUEL.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to  
2 the contrary, any person who drills or mines and discovers  
3 subterranean fossil fuel on public lands or within the marine  
4 boundaries of the commonwealth shall pay to the common-  
5 wealth a royalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the fair market  
6 value thereof.

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