

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, petition of Patricia A. Walrath and other members of the General Court relative to authorizing the assumption of certain utility costs by lessees and tenants. Housing and Urban Development.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Three.  
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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN UTILITY COSTS BY  
LESSEES AND TENANTS.**

*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 14 of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following paragraph: —

4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a lease or rental agreement may  
5 provide for the assumption by a lessee or tenant of the partial or  
6 total costs of water and sewer services to the leased or rented  
7 premises.

