

HOUSE No. 1636

By Mr. Norton of Fall River, petition of Thomas C. Norton for legislation to prevent discrimination by utility companies against customers who use a renewable system for producing heat or electricity. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST UTILITY CUSTOMERS SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR USE OR OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS.

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

1 Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 164, is amended by add-
2 ing a new section 93A as follows:

3 *Section 93A.* No company governed by this chapter shall dis-
4 criminate against any customer solely because of the use or owner-
5 ship of a renewable energy system for producing heat or electricity.
6 Renewable energy systems shall include energy produced by solar
7 thermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, wood, biomass conversion, and
8 small hydroelectric dams up to fifteen megawatt capacity.

