

HOUSE No. 2870

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan Hecht

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to allow equal access solar net metering projects.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i> | <i>12th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2870) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to allow equal access to solar net metering projects. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1750 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to allow equal access solar net metering 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 138 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “customer” the following
3 definition:-

4 “equal access solar net metering project”, the solar energy generating equipment
5 interconnected with the electric distribution system at a single point behind a single meter where
6 a customer of a distribution company’s load is measured, with a nameplate capacity of not more
7 than 60kw AC, located on a parcel of land subdivided after January 1, 2010 or co-owned or co-
8 tenanted by multiple customers of a distribution company.

9 SECTION 2. Section 139 of Chapter 164 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection
10 (k) the following subsection:-

11 (l) There shall be no more than one equal access solar net metering project registered to a
12 particular customer of a distribution company on a single parcel of land, excepting equal access
13 solar net metering projects registered to publicly-assisted housing developments as defined in
14 chapter 40T, section 1; provided further that no particular customer of a distribution company
15 shall register both an equal access solar net metering solar project and a solar net metering
16 facility on a single parcel of land; provided further that the aggregate capacity of equal access
17 solar net metering projects and solar net metering facilities on a single parcel of land shall not
18 exceed 2MW; and provided further that for the purposes of calculating net metering credits,
19 market net metering credits and any incentives offered pursuant to section 11F of chapter 25 of
20 the general laws or section 11 of chapter 75 of the acts of 2016, the capacity of an equal access
21 solar net metering project shall not be aggregated with any other equal access solar net metering
22 projects or solar net metering facilities located on the same parcel of land.

23 SECTION 3. No solar energy generating equipment interconnected with the electric
24 distribution system before the effective date of this act shall qualify as an equal access solar net
25 metering project.