

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3622**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas A. Golden, Jr.***

*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 relative to energy storage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3622) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others relative to energy storage. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to energy storage.

*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 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as amended by sections 10 to  
2   16, inclusive, of chapter 218 of the acts of 2018, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
3   clause Forty-fifth A the following clause:

4           Forty-fifth B, Any energy storage system, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164, which is  
5   being utilized for the energy needs of property taxable under this chapter; provided, however,  
6   that the exemption under this clause shall be allowed only for a period of 20 years from the date  
7   of the installation of such system. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or  
8   town.

9           SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws, as amended by section 4 of  
10   chapter 90 of the acts of 2018, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

11           (yy) Sales of energy storage systems, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164.

12 SECTION 3. Section 146 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 18  
13 of chapter 227 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the words “Electric  
14 distribution companies shall file an annual electric distribution system resiliency report with the  
15 department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Not later than October 1, 2020,  
16 and not later than October 1 of each year thereafter, electric distribution companies shall file an  
17 annual electric distribution system resiliency report with the department and the joint committee  
18 on telecommunications, utilities, and energy.

19 SECTION 4. On or before January 1, 2020, the department of energy resources shall  
20 establish a rebate for Massachusetts-based companies installing and manufacturing energy  
21 storage systems, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the General Laws. The department may  
22 consider using, but shall not be limited to, the following funding sources for said rebate: (i)  
23 energy efficiency funds under section 19 of chapter 25 of the General Laws provided that such  
24 funds shall only be used if the department determines that the energy storage system installed at  
25 a customer’s premises provides sustainable peak load reductions on either the electric or gas  
26 distribution systems and is otherwise consistent with section 11G of chapter 25A of the General  
27 Laws; and (ii) alternative compliance payments established and administered pursuant to section  
28 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws. The department shall promulgate regulations  
29 consistent with this section.

30 SECTION 5. Subsection (yy) of section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws is hereby  
31 repealed.

32 SECTION 6. Section 5 shall take effect on December 31, 2027.