

HOUSE No. 4303

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 15, 2018.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2695) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and Josh S. Cutler relative to the creation of a program for anaerobic digestion net metering facilities, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3385) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to utilizing anaerobic digestion technology electric energy renewable generating sources, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4303) ought to pass.

For the committee,

THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to anaerobic digestion.

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 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as amended by the
2 chapter 188 of the acts of 2016 is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection: -

3 j. The department shall adopt regulations that provide that the electric energy
4 renewable generating sources that qualify as Class I under subsection (c)(7) by utilizing anaerobic
5 digestion technology with by-products or waste from agricultural crops, food or animals and
6 located on land used for agriculture, as defined under section 1A of chapter 128, shall count
7 double with respect to the minimum percentage calculated under subsection (a).

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (i) of section 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, amended
9 by chapter 75 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence: -

10 An agricultural net metering facility utilizing anaerobic digestion technology or
11 an anaerobic digestion net metering facility shall be exempt from aggregate net metering

- 12 capacity caps under subsection (f), and may net meter and accrue Class I, II, or III net metering
- 13 credits.