

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 853**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Denise Provost*

*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 assure the attainment of greenhouse gas emissions goals in the alternative portfolio standard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 853) of Denise Provost and others relative to the use of waste-to-energy municipal solid waste plant technology and forest-derived biomass. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act to assure the attainment of greenhouse gas emissions goals in the alternative portfolio standard.

*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 11F½ of Chapter 25A of the General Law, 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended:

3 1) In line 16, by striking out the word “biomass”;

4 2) In lines 16-18 by striking out the phrase “waste-to-energy that is a component of  
5 conventional municipal solid waste plant technology in commercial use”;

6 3) In line 23-25 by striking out the phrase “provided, however, that facilities using  
7 biomass fuel shall be low emission, use efficient energy conversion technologies and fuel that is  
8 produced by means of sustainable forestry practices;”;

9 4) In line 33 by inserting after the words, “wood and”, in line 13, the following  
10 phrase “; (F) biomass; (G) municipal solid waste;”;

- 11           5)     In line 33 by replacing the phrase “(F)” with (H)”.
- 12           6)     In lines 36-37 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 13           7)     In line 41 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 14           8)     In line 47 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 15           9)     In line 50 by inserting after the word, “feasible;”, the following word “and”;
- 16           10)    In line 50 by striking out the phrase “eligible biomass”;
- 17           11)    In lines 52-58 by striking out the phrase “; and (v) in consultation with the  
18 department of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass, requirements that fuel  
19 shall be provided by means of conservation and recreation, for forest-derived biomass,  
20 requirements that fuel shall be provided by means of sustainable forestry practices; provided,  
21 however, that the department shall adopt any existing or new biomass fuel sustainability  
22 standards if deemed appropriate by the department after a public comment process.”.