

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1597**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John Hart, 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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the monitoring of natural gas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John Hart, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1597) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to monitor natural gas. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

SENATE  
 , NO. 1672 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the monitoring of natural gas.

*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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 70B. The Department of Telecommunications and Energy shall require local  
4 distribution companies to survey their gas piping system for leak detection. Upon finding a  
5 natural gas leak, the leak must be investigated, graded and monitored. The surveying,  
6 investigating, grading and monitoring of these leaks shall be done by employees of local  
7 distribution companies and reported to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.