

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1794**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 the green communities act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1794) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the green communities act. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the green communities act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the  
2 department of environmental protection in conjunction with the commissioner of energy  
3 resources, and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall conduct a comprehensive  
4 investigation of the impact of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008. This investigation shall include but  
5 not be limited to a review of benchmarks attained to date, and an analysis of the feasibility of  
6 attaining benchmarks set up at the time of the passage of the act, and any recommendations. The  
7 commissioner of the department of environmental protection in conjunction with the  
8 commissioner of energy resources and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall  
9 publish their findings on each department website and on the website of the executive office of  
10 energy and environmental affairs, and submit a copy to the clerks of the house and senate, the  
11 joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture, and joint committee on  
12 telecommunications, utilities and energy no later than December 31, 2015.