

SENATE No. 389

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 recycling.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i> |
| <i>John D. Keenan</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 389) of Marc R. Pacheco, John D. Keenan and Anne M. Gobi I for legislation relative to recycling. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to recycling.

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. In order to protect the natural environment, preserve resources, save
2 money, achieve progress toward the Commonwealth's goals to reduce greenhouse gases and
3 create green jobs in Massachusetts, the Department of Environmental Protection shall establish
4 performance standards for the reduction of municipal solid waste, as further described herein, to
5 achieve the purposes of the Commonwealth's solid waste master plan and greenhouse gas
6 reduction plan. Said performance standards shall be promulgated no later than 120 days after the
7 effective date of this act.

8 SECTION 2. The Department of Environmental Protection shall establish performance
9 standards for municipal solid waste reduction on the basis of pounds per capita of solid waste
10 disposed. Said standards shall reduce solid waste to no more than six hundred pounds per capita
11 by July 1, 2015 and no more than four hundred fifty pounds per capita by July 1, 2020.

12 SECTION 3. Cities and towns shall report to the Department of Environmental
13 Protection no later than September 1 of each year the total weight of solid waste disposed of
14 through said city or town's solid waste program during the prior fiscal year, as well as the
15 number of households and residents believed to participate in said program. The Department
16 shall issue a report for all municipal solid waste programs no later than December 1 of that year
17 which provides per capita solid waste disposal statistics for all municipal solid waste programs.
18 Said report may disaggregate solid waste tonnage information to highlight categories of waste,
19 including waste that is beyond the ability of a city or town to control, such as waste from natural
20 disasters.

21 SECTION 4. The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, in consultation with
22 the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Energy Resources, shall
23 develop a Municipal Solid Waste Standards Action Plan to assist municipalities in achieving the
24 standards set forth in this Act. The Secretary shall review the effectiveness of existing recycling
25 programs and other incentives available to achieve said standards and shall provide any
26 recommendation, including but not limited to, potential regulatory and statutory changes to the
27 Commonwealth's Solid Waste Master Plan, the 2020 Clean Energy and Climate Plan, and the
28 Commonwealth's Green Communities Plan. The Secretary shall consult with the Solid Waste
29 Advisory Committee in developing said plan.