

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A LAW RELATIVE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

SECTION 1. Chapter 25A, section 11F, of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in the third sentence of paragraph (a) all words after the word "and" and replacing them with the following:

(3) (i) an additional 1 per cent of sales every year thereafter until December 31, 2019; (ii) an additional 2 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2029; and (iii) an additional 3 per cent of sales every year thereafter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out SECTION 116(a), as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

SECTION 116. (a) It is hereby established that the commonwealth's renewable and alternative energy and energy efficiency goals are as follows:-

(1) meet at least 25 per cent of the commonwealth's electric load, including both capacity and energy, by the year 2020 with demand side resources including: energy efficiency, load management, demand response and generation that is located behind a customer's meter including a combined heat and power system with an annual efficiency of 60 per cent or greater with the goal of 80 per cent annual efficiency for combined heat and power systems by 2020;

(2) meet at least 20 per cent of the commonwealth's electric load by the year 2020 through new, renewable and alternative energy generation;

(3) meet at least 40 per cent of the commonwealth's electric load by the year 2030 through new, renewable and alternative energy generation;

(4) meet at least 70 per cent of the commonwealth's electric load by the year 2040 through new, renewable and alternative energy generation;

(5) meet 100 per cent of the commonwealth's electric load by the year 2050 through new, renewable and alternative energy generation;

(6) reduce the use of fossil fuel in buildings by 10 per cent from 2007 levels by the year 2020 through the increased efficiency of both equipment and the building envelope;

(7) develop a plan to reduce total energy consumption in the commonwealth by at least 10 per cent by 2017 through the development and implementation of the green communities program, established by section 10 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, that utilizes renewable energy, demand reduction, conservation and energy efficiency. Not later than September 1 of each year, the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall establish an annual reduction target for the commonwealth for the following calendar year.

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