

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James T. Welch

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 protecting residential electric customers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>James T. Welch</i> | <i>Hampden</i> | |
| <i>Maura Healey</i> | <i>Attorney General</i> | |
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to protecting residential electric customers.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 1K the following section:

3 Section 1L. Beginning on January 1, 2020, no supplier, energy marketer, or energy
4 broker shall execute a new contract for generation services with any individual residential retail
5 customer. This provision shall not apply to, or otherwise affect, any government body that
6 aggregates the load of residential retail customers as part of a municipal aggregation plan
7 pursuant to chapter 164, § 134. Any violation of this provision shall be deemed an unfair and
8 deceptive act pursuant to the provisions of chapter 93A, and the attorney general is hereby
9 authorized to bring an action under section 4 of chapter 93A to enforce this provision and to
10 obtain restitution, civil penalties, injunctive relief, and any other relief awarded pursuant to said
11 chapter 93A.