



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Senate

Massachusetts State Senate #NextGen Climate Policy Package

An Act to Set Next-Generation Climate Policy

- Sets the goal for net zero emissions by 2050.
- Requires the establishment of interim emissions limits, sublimits for certain sectors and requires plans to reach each limit and sublimit.
- Establishes an independent permanent Climate Policy Commission.
- Sets a statutory mission for the DPU that includes consideration of emission reductions
- Requires the adoption of a net-zero energy stretch building code.
- Requires EEA to promulgate regulations establishing market-based compliance mechanisms for (i) the transportation sector by Jan. 1 2022; (ii) the commercial, industrial and institutional building sectors by Jan. 1, 2025; and (iii) the residential building sector by Jan 1. 2030.
- Requires a low-income solar set-aside in the statewide solar incentive program.
- Requires DOER to gather comprehensive energy usage data from owners of buildings of at least 35,000 square feet or over 35 individual residential units.
- Takes steps to explore gas utilities use of utility-scale geothermal energy

An Act to Accelerate the Transition of Cars, Trucks, and Buses to Carbon-Free Power

- Requires the MBTA to begin purchasing zero emission buses beginning in 2030 in order to transition to an entirely zero emission transit bus fleet by 2040.
- Codifies a zero-emission vehicle consumer incentive program.
- Requires the state building code to ensure new construction and major renovations for commercial and residential buildings and parking facilities of over 10 spaces include electrical systems that can support a minimum number of EV parking spaces (at least 1 space or 5% of total spaces, whichever is greater).
- Requires certain high and medium priority new vehicle purchases in the state vehicle fleet to be electric vehicles starting January 1, 2024.
- Creates a study to explore municipal opportunities for electric vehicle adoption.

An Act relative to Energy Savings Efficiency

- Updates the Massachusetts Appliance Efficiency Standards Act to improve energy and water efficiency standards for common household and commercial appliances to conserve energy and provide savings for consumers and businesses.