



An Act to Secure a Clean Energy Future

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A comprehensive solution to address climate change

The climate of Massachusetts is already changing—and with it, our natural lands, waters, and wildlife.

These changes are affecting our health, the nature we love, and the natural resources on which we depend. Despite these challenges, we currently have the capacity to protect the natural resources of Massachusetts and beyond for future generations of people and wildlife.

We still have time to correct our course and align the state’s climate strategy with the best scientific data available. This will ensure that the policies we put in place lower our greenhouse gas emissions while creating a flourishing clean energy economy.

Solution

- Sets emissions reduction requirements in line with the latest climate science, requiring a 50% drop below 1990 emissions levels by 2030, 75% below 1990 levels by 2040, **and net zero emissions by 2050.**
- Raises the annual Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 3%, putting us on pace for a **50% RPS by 2030.**
- Eliminates the Solar Net Metering Cap.
- Defines “environmental justice population” and **prohibits the denial of energy programs to consumers on the basis of a protected class.**
- Requires 50% of state-owned or leased vehicles to be zero emissions by 2025.
- Sets deadlines for the implementation of a market-based compliance mechanism for the transportation sector (2020), commercial/industrial/ institutional sector (2021), and residential building sector (2022).