

**Amendment ID: S2372-102****Amendment 102****Section 17 Technical**

Mr. Rodrigues moves to amend the bill by striking Section 17 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

Section 17. The department of energy resources, in consultation with the department of public utilities, shall conduct a study on the need to modernize the electric grid with the goal of reducing demand, reducing energy costs to ratepayers, integrating distributed energy resources, reducing carbon emissions and enhancing reliability and resiliency. As part of the study, the department shall consider alternative regulatory, incentive and ratemaking structures and market design, including the creation of an open market for third-party services, to achieve these goals. The department shall also consider ways to enhance consumer knowledge regarding energy use and provide energy customers with tools to support effective management of their energy bills, which shall include but not be limited to supplier complete billing.

As part of the study, the department shall engage in an extensive, open and transparent stakeholder process. Stakeholders shall consist of, but not be limited to: the attorney general in the role of the ratepayer advocate or a designee; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; an appointee from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.; an appointee from the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc.; an appointee from the National Consumer Law Center, Inc.; and an appointee from the Northeast Clean Energy Council, Inc.; an appointee representing the retail electricity supplier interests; and an appointee representing environmental interests.

The department shall conduct at least 2 public hearings in geographically diverse locations and shall submit a report, along with proposed statutory and regulatory changes, which shall include drafts of legislation, to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy not later than July 1, 2017.