

**Amendment ID: S2372-91****Amendment 91****Energy Efficiency Task Force**

Messrs. deMacedo and OConnor move to amend the bill by striking Section 16 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

“ SECTION 16. There shall be an energy efficiency task force to develop recommendations and proposed statutory changes to improve future 3-year, statewide energy efficiency plans developed pursuant to section 21 of chapter 25 of the General Laws. In making its recommendations, the task force shall consider: the successes, challenges and shortcomings of the current program design; the role of the program administrators; the designation or creation of a single entity, other than a gas or electric company or municipal aggregator, to run the program; other ways to increase market competition with program administrators in their current role; alternative funding mechanisms for gas and electric energy efficiency; the impact of proposed recommendation on cost, savings, and customer participation, and additional opportunities for cost effective system load reduction; and alternative program design and best practices implemented in other states and countries.

The task force shall consist of the following members or their designees: the commissioner of the department of energy resources and the chairman of the department of public utilities, who shall serve as co-chairs; the attorney general; the commissioner of the department of environmental protection; 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; a representative from the low-income weatherization and fuel assistance program network; a representative from the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc.; and 5 members who shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the business community, including large commercial and industrial end-users, 1 of whom shall be a representative of an energy efficiency business, 1 of whom shall be a representative of an electric distribution company, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a natural gas distribution company, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of a municipal aggregator with a certified energy efficiency plan pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §134(b).

The task force shall convene its first meeting by October 1, 2016. The task force may retain the assistance of experts to conduct research or facilitate the task force process. The task force shall report on its recommendations, which may include draft legislation, to the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy by June 1, 2017.”

