

HOUSE 4373 : **AN ACT RELATIVE TO GREEN COMMUNITIES**
(Summary reflects text as redrafted.)

SPONSORS: Speaker DiMasi, Representatives Dempsey and Bosley

LEGISLATIVE
HISTORY:

03/20/07	House referred to the House Committee on Rules
03/21/07	Bill reported and referred to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy
11/08/07	Bill reported favorably by Committee (as H. 4365) and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
11/14/07	Committee recommended ought to pass and referred to the House Committee on Steering, Policy, and Scheduling
11/15/07	House read 2 nd and ordered to a 3 rd Reading
11/15/07	Read third, amended, and passed to be engrossed (as H. 4373)
11/19/07	Senate read and referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

EXISTING LAWS
AFFECTED:

- G.L. ch. 7, 12, 21A, 25, 25A, 40J, 44, 64A, 112, 143, 159, 164, 271
- Ch. 140 of the Acts of 2005
- Ch. 11 of the Acts of 2006

PROPOSED
LEGISLATION:

This bill contains several initiatives to encourage more environmentally-friendly practices, including:

- Increasing energy efficiency through efficiency-first energy procurement programs.
- Updating the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and encouraging new and emerging alternative energies.
- Encouraging existing fossil fuel plants to convert all or part of their fuel stocks to cleaner burning alternative resources.
- Assisting low-income energy customers through a review of current arrearages programs.
- Establishing a smart meter/grid pilot program through the Department of Public Utilities.

- Providing additional oversight and use of the Renewable Energy Trust by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
- Increasing the Attorney General's ability to act on behalf of energy customers.
- Promoting the use of energy efficient vehicles in the state's fleet.
- Extending low interest loans for energy efficient home improvements.

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