



FACT SHEET: AN ACT AUTHORIZING RESILIENCY MEASURES UNDER COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY – RESILIENT PACE

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PURPOSE OF THIS BILL

In recent years, the Commonwealth has seen an uptick in severe weather events that have resulted in an increase in the amount and duration of power outages. Microgrids have been utilized in several other States to increase reliability and ensure buildings remain powered during grid outages. Last legislative session, with the passage of *An Act to promote energy diversity*, communities across the Commonwealth were given the opportunity to opt into a program that allows for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential (5+ units) property owners to finance clean energy improvements on their properties. That legislation did not include an opportunity to finance microgrids. Massachusetts has been a leader on clean energy initiatives. Allowing property owners to finance microgrids under Property Assessed Clean Energy will ensure that we can continue to be a leader in the clean energy sector, while helping municipalities create reliability and resiliency.

WHAT THIS LEGISLATION DOES

- Adds resiliency measures to the Property Assessed Clean Energy program by defining microgrid and district heating and cooling system in the statute.
- Allows the owners of Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-family residential properties with 5 units or more to utilize the Property Assessed Clean Energy program to finance microgrids.

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