



Legislation Summary:

An Act relative to building energy and decarbonization

Bill number(s): **H.3350/S.2202** (Bill numbers will change as legislation proceeds.)

Sponsors: Rep. Joan Meschino and Sen. Jason M. Lewis

Purpose of the bill:

To ensure new buildings are constructed to the highest standards and begin to address deep energy retrofiting of existing buildings to help achieve 2050 Next Generation Roadmap law emissions' reduction targets.

- **Amends Mass Save program to include appropriate support for underserved communities**
- **For new construction:**
 - Defines “net zero building”
 - Incorporates new stretch code performance standard by 2025 and into the base code by 2028
 - Amends the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) mission to include climate, public health, equity and policies to meet state 2050 Roadmap emissions' targets
- **Existing buildings:**
 - Supports deep energy retrofits program through Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) funded by a trust fund
 - Establishes a net zero task force under DOER to support new performance standards and energy retrofit programs
- **Transitioning off fossil fuels:**
 - Amends the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy ([PACE](#))¹ program to remove funding for gas lines and adds clean energy eligible applications
 - Amends the Mass Save program to phase out funding for fossil fuel systems

¹ Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Loan Program



League position

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“League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global.”

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