

STATUS	POLICY	POLICY AREA	POLICY CATEGORY	YEAR ENACTED
Enacted	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets  33% by 2025   50% by 2030   75% by 2040   net-zero and at least 85% by 2050  Relative to 1990 levels  Establishing Policies  • S.9 (2021)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2021
Enacted	Climate Action Plans  2025 and 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan  2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan  Establishing Policies  Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008 (2008) S.9 (2021) 2025 and 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan (2022) 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan (2022)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022
Enacted	State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory  The 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was published in March 2023.  Establishing Policies  • Global Warming Solutions Act (2008) • 1990-2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2023)	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023





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Enacted	Climate Bureaucracy  Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience  Establishing Policies  • Executive Order 604 (2023)  • Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2023
Enacted	Climate Advisory Bodies  Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Implementation Advisory Committee  Establishing Policies  • Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) Implementation Advisory Committee	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2012



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## **Environmental Rights**

## **Amendments**

The Massachusetts Constitution states:

"The people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.

The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights.

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In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court."

**Establishing Policies** 

Massachusetts
 Constitution, Article 97
 (1972)

Climate

Governance and Equity

Climate Governance

1972





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Enacted	Environmental Justice Community Definitions  "Environmental justice populations" are neighborhoods where the median household income is 65% or less of the statewide median, minorities comprise 40% or more of the population, 25% or more of households lack English proficiency, or minorities comprise 25% of the population and the median household income does not exceed 150%.  Establishing Policies  • S.9 - Creating a next- generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (2021)	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021
Enacted	Environmental Justice Mapping Tools  Massachusetts EJ Populations Establishing Policies  • Massachusetts EJ Populations (2022)	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2022





POLICY YEAR **STATUS POLICY POLICY AREA CATEGORY ENACTED Environmental Justice Community Investment** Requirements Environmental justice (EJ) Climate community investment **Environmental** Not Governance requirements help ensure Justice and Enacted communities most impacted by **Equity** and Equity environmental burdens are benefitting equitably from public programs by requiring a certain percentage of funds and/or benefits from other policies are allocated to EJ communities. **Environmental Justice Bureaucracy** Massachusetts Office of **Environmental Justice and Equity** EEA – Environmental Justice Task Force, with staff that serve as EJ points of contact representing each EEA agency and office EEA - Undersecretary of **Environmental Justice & Equity** Climate EEA - Director and Deputy **Environmental** Enacted Governance Director of Environmental Justice Justice and 2024 **Equity** and Equity

DEP – Director of Environmental Justice

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- EEA Environmental Justice Task Force
- EEA Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity (2023)
- Environmental Justice Contacts
- S.2967 (2024)









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Enacted	Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies  Environmental Justice Council Establishing Policies  • Environmental Justice Council	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Enacted	Cumulative Impact Assessment  Requires certain facilities seeking air emissions permits in or near communities with EJ populations to conduct a cumulative impact analysis that includes meaningful public involvement of EJ populations. S.2067 requires a cumulative impact analysis for all large renewable and clean energy projects.  Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 7.02(14) (2024)  • S.2967 (2024)	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2024
☑ In- Progress	Just Transition Plans  The Commission on Fossil Fuel Workforce must submit a report on ways to increase fossil fuel workers' access to employment, training, and workforce opportunities in clean energy industries by December 31, 2025  Establishing Policies  • S.2967 (2024) • Commission on Fossil Fuel Workforce	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	





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	Just Transition Offices and Staff			
<b>Enacted</b>	Office of Energy Transformation within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs			
	Establishing Policies	Climate		
	<ul> <li>Healey-Driscoll Administration Establishes Nation's First Office of Energy Transformation (2024)</li> <li>Office of Energy Transformation</li> </ul>	Governance and Equity	Just Transition	2024
	Just Transition Advisory Bodies			
	Energy Transformation Advisory Board and the Commission of Fossil Fuel Workforce	Climate Governance and Equity  Just Transition		
	Establishing Policies			
Enacted	<ul> <li>Healey-Driscoll Office of Energy Transformation Announces Advisory Board (2024)</li> <li>S.2967 (2024)</li> <li>Energy Transformation Advisory Board</li> <li>Commission on Fossil Fuel Workforce</li> </ul>		2024	
	Just Transition Funds			
Not Enacted	Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	



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Enacted	Green Banks  Massachusetts Community Climate Bank  Establishing Policies  • Governor Healey Announces Climate Bank (2023)  • Massachusetts Community Climate Bank	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	2023
Not Enacted	Divestment  State divestment means ending new investment in the fossil fuel industry and phasing out existing fossil fuel investments in public funds, such as state pensions, over time. States can also set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for their investment portfolios.	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	
<b>Enacted</b>	Carbon Pollution Pricing  The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) covers the electricity sector.  Establishing Policies  • 225 CMR 13.00 (2018)  • M.G.L. c. 21A, § 22. (2022)  • 310 CMR 7.00 (2024)  • The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	2007



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<b>Enacted</b>	Social Cost of Carbon  The Department of Public Utilities must consider the social cost of carbon when assessing the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand-reduction programs, and when issuing funding for energy efficiency programs.  Establishing Policies  • S.9 (2021)	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	2021
<b>Enacted</b>	Clean Energy and Renewable Portfolio Standards 40% renewable energy by 2030 Establishing Policies • S.9 (2021)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2021
<b>Enacted</b>	Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets  53% reduction by 2025   70% by 2030   93% by 2050, relative to 1990 levels  Establishing Policies  • S.9 (2021)  • Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030 (2022)  • Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 (2022)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2021



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Enacted	Clean Energy Plans  Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030  Establishing Policies  • Global Warming Solutions Act (2008) • S.9 (2021) • Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030 (2022) • Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 (2022)	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2022
Enacted	Consolidated State Siting and Permitting Authority  The Energy Facilities Siting Board oversees siting and permitting processes for large clean energy projects, and must issue or reject a permit within 15 months. For smaller projects, municipalities retain control over the permitting process, but permits must be issued or rejected within 12 months. For both small and large projects, applications will get automatic approval if these deadlines aren't met.  Establishing Policies  • S.2967 (2024)	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	2024





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<b>Enacted</b>	Interconnection Standards  Massachusetts received a C grade from Freeing the Grid.  Establishing Policies  • Freeing the Grid Massachusetts Grade (2023)	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	2023
Enacted	Enabling ATTs and GETs  The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board must determine whether sufficient consideration was given to the use of advanced transmission technologies (ATTs) when reviewing proposals for transmission infrastructure, and the Department of Public Utilities must study the use, costs and benefits, and impediments to ATT deployment.  Utilities must also conduct analyses related to the deployment of ATTs and grid- enhancing technologies (GETs), and they enabled to propose rate incentives to encourage the deployment of such technologies.	Electricity	Permitting and Grid Integration	2024

**Establishing Policies** 

ATTs.

• S.2967 (2024)

Utilities must make a filing with the legislature and grid operator every five years on the deployment of







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## **Shared Renewables**

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**Establishing Policies** 

 SPOT - Shared Renewables in Massachusetts

**Policy Components** 



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Partially

Enacted

Electricity

Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources





STATUS	POLICY	POLICY AREA	POLICY CATEGORY	YEAR ENACTED
Enacted	Community Choice Aggregation  Massachusetts has an active community choice aggregation program.  Establishing Policies  • Acts of 1997 Chapter 164 (1997)	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	1997
Partially Enacted	Distributed Generation Carveout  The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into "components", which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.  Establishing Policies  • SPOT – Generation Carveouts in Massachusetts  Policy Components  • Policy Components	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	
Enacted	Energy Storage Targets  200 megawatts (MW) of storage capacity by 2020, 1,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) by 2025, and 5,000 MWh by 2030  Establishing Policies  • H.4857 (2018)	Electricity	Incentivizing Clean Energy Resources	2024

• S.2967 (2024)



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Enacted	Coal Phaseouts  In 2014, the owner of the last coal plant in Massachusetts, Brayton Point, informed ISO-NE of its decision to retire the plant's four units by June 1, 2017.  Establishing Policies  • Non-Price Retirement Election for Brayton Point Units 1, 2, 3, and 4 (2014)  • Brayton Point Power Plant Site	Electricity	Coal Retirement	2017
Not Enacted	Coal Plant Securitization  Coal securitization is a financing tool that allows utility companies to refinance debt they issued to build coal plants and close the facilities early without taking a financial hit or passing costs on to ratepayers.	Electricity	Coal Retirement	
Enacted	Residential Energy Codes  The statewide energy code for residential construction is 2021 IECC.  Establishing Policies  • Massachusetts State Energy Code (2022)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2022







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<b>Enacted</b>	Commercial Energy Codes  The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is 2021 IECC.  Establishing Policies  • Massachusetts State Energy Code (2022)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2022
Enacted	Stretch Building Energy Codes  The Stretch Energy Code is 2021 IECC with Massachusetts amendments, and the Specialized Code is a municipal opt-in code that is designed to ensure new construction is consistent with the state's target of net-zero emissions by 2050.  Establishing Policies  S.9 (2021) 225 CMR 22.00 (2025) 225 CMR 23.00 (2025) Building Energy Codes	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2025
<b>Enacted</b>	Appliance Standards  The Appliance Efficiency Standards apply to 15 products.  Establishing Policies  • S. 9 (2021)  • 225 CMR 9.00 (2021)  • Appliance Energy and Water Efficiency Standards	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	2021







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⊠ In- Progress	Building Performance Standards  Massachusetts will receive \$3M to develop and adopt a building performance standard through the federal Inflation Reduction Act's Support for Building Energy Codes and Innovative Codes.  Establishing Policies  • Inflation Reduction Act Support for Building Energy Codes and Innovative Codes - Round 2 (2024)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
⊠ In- Progress	Clean Heat Standards  MassDEP is developing CHS regulations based on the CHS framework released in November 2023.  Establishing Policies  • Massachusetts Clean Heat Standard	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	







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Enacted	Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)  Electric utilities are required to reduce cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 625,000 metric tons for 2022-2024.  Gas utilities are required to reduce cumulative GHG emissions by 341,000 metric tons for 2022-2024.  Plans for 2025-2027 are under development  Establishing Policies  S. 9 (2021) 2022-2024 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan (2021) 2025-2027 Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization Plan	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2021
<b>Enacted</b>	Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)  Massachusetts has enacted commercial PACE-enabling legislation and has active programs.  Establishing Policies  • H. 4568 (2016)	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2016





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Enacted	Thermal Energy Networks		Building Electrification	2024
	Gas utilities are allowed to pilot networked geothermal projects, and can sell and distribute non-emitting thermal energy. TENs pilots can be paid for with funds from the state's pipe replacement program, known as the Gas System Enhancement Plan	Buildings and Efficiency		
	Gas utilities are able to provide non-combusting thermal energy to customers instead of natural gas.			
	Establishing Policies			
	<ul><li>S.9 (2021)</li><li>H.5060 (2022)</li><li>S.2967 (2024)</li></ul>			
	Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV)			
	Standards			2022
	Massachusetts LEV Program		Links Posts	
Enacted	Establishing Policies	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
	<ul><li>310 CMR 7.40 (2022)</li><li>Massachusetts LEV Program</li></ul>			







YEAR POLICY **STATUS POLICY POLICY AREA CATEGORY ENACTED** Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) **Mandates** Model Year (MY) 2026: 35% of new passenger vehicle sales are ZEVs | MY 2030: 68% of new sales are ZEVs | MY 2035: 100% of new sales are ZEVs, with up to 20% being hybrid or hydrogenpowered vehicles. The state will delay penalty enforcement against manufacturers that fail to meet **Light-Duty** Transportation Enacted ZEV sale requirements for model 2022 **Vehicles** years 2027 and 2028, unless certain conditions are met. **Establishing Policies**  Advanced Clean Cars II (2022)• Massachusetts Announces Flexibilities for Electric Vehicle Requirements (2025)• Advanced Clean Cars II Program





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Enacted	Electric Vehicle Rebates  The Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program offers rebates for new and used electric vehicles (EVs): up to \$3,500 for new or used battery and fuel cell EVs, and an additional \$1,500 rebate for income-qualifying applicants.  The program is funded through 2027.  Establishing Policies  • Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program (2014) • S.2967 (2024)	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2014
Enacted	Low NOx Omnibus Rule applies to Model Year 2026 onwards.  Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 7.40, Low Emission Vehicle Program (2021) • Emergency Regulations and Limited Enforcement Discretion for Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations (2024)	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	2024

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Enacted	Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates  By 2035: 55% of Class 2b-3 truck sales are zero-emissions   75% of Class 4-8 straight truck sales are zero-emissions   40% of Class 7-8 tractor sales are zero-emissions.  The Department of Environmental Protection delayed enforcement of electric truck sales requirements under ACT for Model Years 2025 and 2026.  Establishing Policies  Advanced Clean Trucks Rule (2022)  Massachusetts Announces Flexibilities for Clean Trucks Requirements (2025)  Massachusetts Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Program	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	2022
Enacted	Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV)  Mandates  By 2035: 55% of Class 2b-3 truck sales are zero-emissions   75% of Class 4-8 straight truck sales are zero-emissions   40% of Class 7-8 tractor sales are zero-emissions.  The Department of Environmental Protection delayed enforcement of electric truck sales requirements under ACT for Model Years 2025 and 2026.  Establishing Policies  Advanced Clean Trucks Rule (2022)  Massachusetts Announces Flexibilities for Clean Trucks Requirements (2025)  Massachusetts Low Emission Vehicle (LEV)	Transportation	Heavy-Duty	2022



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Enacted	Electric Bus Procurement Targets  100% of transit bus purchases by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) are zero-emission by 2030   100% of MBTA's transit bus fleet are zero-emission by 2040  Establishing Policies  • H. 5060 (2022)	Transportation	Lead by Example	2022
Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Requirements  Requires at least one EV supply equipment (EVSE) charging port in new or fully reconstructed parking areas with up to 25 spaces and two ports in parking areas greater than 25 spaces; also requires at least 20% of parking spaces to be EV Ready in parking areas with 10+ spaces.  Establishing Policies  • Executive Order No. 594 (2021)	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	2021
Not Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Rebates  Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure rebates offer rebates to make the purchase and/or installation costs of EV charging infrastructure more affordable.	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	





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Not Enacted	Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Charging Infrastructure Plans  Electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure plans are documents that provide a framework to guide the development, coordination, and adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
<b>Enacted</b>	Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets  18% by 2025   34% by 2030   86% by 2050  Relative to 1990 levels Establishing Policies  • S.9 (2021)	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	2021
Not Enacted	Low Carbon Fuel Standards  A low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) is a market-based mechanism to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and account for the fuel's life cycle greenhouse gas emissions.	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	





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	Bicycle Friendly States			
	Massachusetts is ranked 2nd out of 50 in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly State rankings by the League of American Bicyclists.			
Enacted	Establishing Policies	Transportation	Public and Active	
	<ul> <li>Massachusetts Bicycle</li> <li>Friendly State Scorecard</li> </ul>		Transportation	
	Policy Components			
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<b>Enacted</b>	Buy Clean Requirements  The Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council must prepare an "embodied carbon reduction plan," including strategies to measure, monitor and reduce embodied carbon, by January 1, 2026.  Establishing Policies  • S.2967 (2024) • Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council (ECICC)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Industrial Decarbonization	2024
<b>Enacted</b>	Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Regulations  The state prohibits the use of certain HFCs in refrigeration equipment, air conditioning chillers, aerosol propellants, and foams that are manufactured or used in Massachusetts.  Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 7.76 (2020)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	2020



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Enacted	Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Regulations The state sets a maximum annual SF6 leak rate of 1%, and requires owners to maintain their equipment in accordance with industry standards to reduce leakage of SF6. Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 7.72 (2017)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	2017
<b>Enacted</b>	Oil and Gas Methane Regulations  Natural gas operators must meet annual declining methane emission limits.  Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 7.73 (2021)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	2021
Not Enacted	Fracking Bans  Fracking bans prohibit the practice of hydraulic fracking for the production of oil and/or natural gas by a certain year. Legislation often requires an environmental agency or department to promulgate regulations.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
Not Enacted	Landfill Methane Regulations  Landfill methane regulations include rulemakings, emissions monitoring, emissions control, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from decaying organic waste in landfills.	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	





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Enacted	Food Waste Bans and Targets  Food waste ban – The state requires businesses and institutions that generate more than 0.5 tons of food waste per week to dispose of organic material via composting or anaerobic digestion.  Establishing Policies  • 310 CMR 19.017 (2014)	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	2014
<b>Enacted</b>	Healthy Soils Financial Incentives  The Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program supports produce and dairy farmers in implementing soil health practices.  Establishing Policies  • H.5250 (2021) • Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023 (H.4040) (2023) • Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	2021







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Enacted	Healthy Soils Technical Assistance Programs  The Healthy Soils Farmer Consultant Program provides farmers who are newly adopting healthy soils practices with access to farmers who are experts in specific healthy soils practices, while compensating experienced farmers fairly for their time.  Establishing Policies  • H.5250 (2021) • Massachusetts Farmer Consultant Program	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	2021

