



## **House Bill 1724**

**Representative Jennifer Benson**

*Creating new and expanded service opportunities to meet the needs of Massachusetts consumers*

The bill would expand the existing Green Communities Act of 2008 (GCA) to allow the state's Energy Efficiency programs to provide additional services to meet consumers' needs. This change is needed because technology has dramatically evolved to enable new, valuable services that were not available 10 years ago.

The bill would:

1. Expand opportunities for energy efficiency programs to support customers with a broad range of energy technologies such as renewables, energy storage, and electric vehicle charging.
2. Enable program sponsors and consumers to consider and adopt the best energy solutions regardless of fuel type, but rather based on the most efficient and effective solution.
3. Require that utilities consider economic benefits when designing and evaluating programs.
4. Require that cost-effectiveness be judged on the sector level rather than the program level. This would increase flexibility and enable the programs to offer more services to customers.