

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A JUST TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY

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ESTABLISHES A JUST TRANSITION OFFICE

- Provides training and employment opportunities to former and current energy workers being displaced
- Increases access to opportunities in the clean energy sector for residents of environmental justice communities.



CREATES A JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tasked with developing a comprehensive just transition plan for the energy sector and a workforce development plan that:

- Expands training capacity for the clean energy industry including all state and federally certified apprenticeship, licensure and degree programs
- Sets goals for utilization of the residual workforce in fossil-fuel intensive industries and environmental justice communities



PROVIDES A SAFETY NET FOR WORKERS

- "Climate Adjustment Assistance" benefits to support displaced workers
- Creates a Workforce Development Fund
- Transition related unemployment assistance
- Requires employers to submit a workforce reduction plan
- Funds training on alternative fuels through state and federally certified apprenticeship and training programs
- Tax credits for dual fuel & alternative energy companies that offer displaced workers employment



AMENDS GAS SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PLAN ENABLING LEGISLATION

- To address ongoing need for planning and ensures gas companies train and maintain a skilled and qualified workforce to provide safe and reliable gas service
- Requires gas companies to submit plans to address leaking or aging natural gas infrastructure and provisions to address workforce development, training, and sufficient in-house staffing

EXPANDS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES JURISDICTION

To address pipeline safety, workforce development, and maintenance & attrition over the course of the transition to net zero emissions

ENSURES LABOR REPRESENTATION On climate & energy decision making bodies

