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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. It is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute, the applicability of the statute (ethanol, biodiesel, or both), and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to biofuels, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of biofuels law in the state. These statutes are placed in reverse chronological order using the date of the most recent amendment to the statute. Many biofuels laws were enacted as amendments to previously passed laws.

Title	Citation	Applicability	Description
Contracts with fuel providers (2012)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 6C, § 75	Both	Restricts the state from signing any contract with fuel providers that fail to provide alternative fuels to consumers.
State purchase of hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles (2012)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 7, § 9A	Both	Requires the state to purchase hybrid or alternative-fuel vehicles when feasible, and requires at least half of the state fleet to conform to these requirements by 2018.
Renewable energy portfolio standard for retail electricity suppliers (2012)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 25A, § 11F	Both	Requires retail electricity suppliers to generate an increasing portion of their output from renewable energy source, including biofuels.
Clean Energy Technology Center (2009)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 23J, §§ 1 TO 12	Both	Establishes the Clean Energy Center to promote research and support the development of renewable fuel technologies.
Division of Energy: description of organization statement (2008)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 25A, § 2	Both	Establishes a division within the state Dep't of Energy Resources to coordinate activities that maximize biofuels production and infrastructure.

Classification as eligible petroleum distillate substitute fuel (2008)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 94, § 249H 1/2	Ethanol	The greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements necessary for ethanol to be classified as an eligible petroleum distillate substitute fuel.
Classification as eligible diesel substitute fuel (2008)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 94, § 295G 1/2	Biodiesel	The greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements necessary for biodiesel to be classified as an eligible diesel substitute fuel.
Reduction of tax on eligible biofuel (2008)	MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 64A, §1A	Ethanol	Allows for the reduction of the fuel tax imposed by the percentage of fuel consisting of eligible cellulosic biofuel. Sunsets December 31, 2017.