

# SENATE . . . . No. 213

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To accompany the petition of Conde Brodbine for an amendment of the laws relative to charges for gas, electricity and water. Power and Light.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

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### An Act relative to Charges for Gas, Electricity, and Water.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred and nine-  
2 teen of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of  
3 the General Laws, as amended by chapter four  
4 hundred and four of the acts of nineteen hundred  
5 and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by  
6 striking out said section one hundred and nine-  
7 teen and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
8 ing: —

9 *Section 119.* No gas company, electric com-  
10 pany, water company or municipal lighting  
11 plant, shall make any service charge, room charge,  
12 area charge, meter charge, or other charge how-  
13 ever named which is not based upon or measured  
14 by the amount of commodity actually furnished  
15 to each consumer; except that every gas company

16 shall make a minimum charge to each consumer  
17 of seventy-five cents per month, and every elec-  
18 tric company shall make a minimum charge to  
19 each consumer of one dollar per month.

1 SECTION 2. Any approval heretofore given  
2 by the department of Public Utilities to a sched-  
3 ule of rates which includes such a charge by any  
4 gas company, electric company, water company,  
5 or municipal lighting plant shall become null and  
6 void upon the effective date hereof.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective  
2 upon the first day of January, nineteen hundred  
3 and thirty-two.



