

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler relative to clarifying the authority of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in promulgating the so-called Massachusetts electrical code. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS IN PROMULGATING THE SO-CALLED MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRICAL CODE.

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 3L of chapter 143 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — The board of fire prevention regulations
5 shall make and promulgate and from time to time may alter,
6 amend and repeal, rules and regulations relative to the
7 installation, repair and maintenance of electrical wiring in or
8 supplied from buildings and structures to the provisions of chap-
9 ter 143 of the General Laws, and the state building code.

1 SECTION 2. Amend Section 3L of Chapter 143 of the General
2 Laws as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition by adding at the
3 end thereof the following new paragraph: —

4 Nothing in the two preceding paragraphs of this section shall
5 apply to wires, fixtures or equipment of companies incorporated
6 for the transmission of intelligence by electricity, their affiliates
7 or subsidiaries, in installing, maintaining or repairing wires used
8 by such companies, their affiliates or subsidiaries and necessary
9 for or incidental to their communications business whether or not
10 such wires are on its or their own premises.

1 SECTION 3. Section 32 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws
 2 is hereby amended by adding in the fourth sentence after the words
 3 "building code commission" the following: — "and except wires
 4 of companies incorporated for the transmission of intelligence by
 5 electricity, their affiliates or subsidiaries necessary for or
 6 incidental to their communications business whether such wires
 7 are on its or their own premises."