
By Mr. McDevitt of Charlestown, petition of James P. McDevitt for legislation to prohibit the sale of certain merchandise by gas and electric companies. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE
BY GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

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

1 Chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 twenty-three, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edi-
4 tion, the following new section:—

5 *Section 23A.* No gas or electric company doing
6 business in this commonwealth shall engage, directly
7 or indirectly, in the sale of merchandise, equipment,
8 utensils or chattels of any description, other than
9 equipment necessary to maintain continuity of service
10 in the supplying of gas or electricity to its customers.
11 Any violation of this section shall be punished by a
12 fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one
13 thousand dollars; and any officer, director, manager,
14 agent or employee of any such gas or electric company
15 who is responsible for the violation shall be punished
16 as hereinbefore provided.

