

# HOUSE . . . . No. 219

By Mr. Kahalas of Boston, petition of Abraham H. Kahalas relative to the attachment to telephones of devices or meters to record and register the number of outgoing calls made by subscribers. Power and Light.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF OR ATTACHMENT TO ALL TELEPHONES, OF A DEVICE OR METER TO RECORD AND REGISTER THE NUMBER OF OUTGOING CALLS MADE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR THEREOF.

*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. Every telephone for which service is  
2 furnished by a telephone company shall have in-  
3 corporated in it or have attached thereto a device  
4 or meter to record and register the number of out-  
5 going calls made. Such device or meter shall be  
6 located in such position and on such part of the tele-  
7 phone as to be clearly visible to the user thereof.  
8 The device or meter provided for herein shall auto-  
9 matically register and show the cumulative total of  
10 outgoing calls made.

1 SECTION 2. The installation, maintenance and  
2 repair of the device or meter provided for by section

3 one, shall be done by the telephone company fur-  
4 nishing the telephone and service thereof.

1 SECTION 3. The device or meter provided for in  
2 section one shall be inspected, checked and tested  
3 by the telephone company subject to the provisions  
4 of section two hereof, at least once in every two years.

1 SECTION 4. The cost of incorporating or attaching  
2 the device or meter as provided for in section one  
3 hereof, and the cost of installation, maintenance,  
4 repair, inspection, checking and testing provided for  
5 by sections two and three hereof, shall not be charged  
6 to telephone users or subscribers, but shall be in-  
7 cluded by the telephone company in its expense of  
8 doing business.

1 SECTION 5. A telephone company subject to the  
2 preceding sections shall have one year from the date  
3 of the enactment of this act to install and/or attach  
4 such device or meter as provided for by this act to  
5 all telephones for which it is furnishing service at the  
6 date of passage of this act.

1 SECTION 6. Failure to comply with the provisions  
2 of section one of this act shall be punished by a fine  
3 of one hundred dollars for each telephone not pro-  
4 vided with the device or meter as provided for by  
5 said section.

1 SECTION 7. Failure to comply with the provisions  
2 of sections two and three of this act shall be punished  
3 by a fine of one dollar per day per telephone not  
4 inspected, maintained, checked and tested as pro-  
5 vided for by said sections, until this act has been  
6 complied with.