

HOUSE No. 1275

By Mr. Chmura of Holyoke, petition of Stephen T. Chmura for legislation relative to the rates charged by gas companies in certain cases. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RATES CHARGED BY GAS COMPANIES IN CERTAIN CASES.

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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 94F, the following section:—

3 *Section 94G.* Whenever in any proceeding before the depart-
4 ment brought under sections ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-
5 four A or ninety-four B, the reasonableness or propriety of
6 classifications of service, or the reasonableness or propriety of
7 differences in rates, prices, charges or terms and conditions to
8 various classifications of service is brought into question by any
9 party as defined in section one (three) of chapter thirty A, the
10 company shall have the burden of proving or establishing its
11 cost of serving the various classifications of service to the
12 reasonable satisfaction of the department; and no increase in
13 any rate, price or charge shall be approved or allowed to go into
14 effect until the department has made a specific finding, based
15 on adequate evidence, of the company's cost of serving each of
16 its various classifications of service.

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