To accompany the petition of John B. Cashman that gas, electric and telephone companies be prohibited from discontinuing service for failure to pay a bill promptly. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five.

An Act relative to Bills rendered by Gas, Electric Light and Telephone Companies, and prohibiting Discontinuance of Service for Failure to pay the Same promptly.

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. Chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section ninety-two the following new section:

5 Section 92A. No gas or electric company subject to section three shall require payment of any bill rendered by it to any person for gas or electricity furnished to such person until after the expiration of thirty days following the rendering of such bill, nor shall any such company discontinue its service to any person solely because of failure to pay any such bill within thirty days after the same has been rendered. The department of public utilities, upon notification of any violation of this sec-
1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section forty-four the following new section:

5 Section 44A. The provisions of section ninety-two A of chapter one hundred and sixty-four shall apply to telephone companies subject to this chapter.