

HOUSE . . . No. 1031

By Mr. Leyden of Worcester (by request), petition of David E. Scoll that rental and other charges by telephone companies for use of telephone sets be regulated. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act to regulate Rental and Other Charges for Telephone Sets.

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-six of the General
2 Laws as amended is hereby further amended by in-
3 serting the following new section:—

4 *Section 44.* No telephone company shall charge
5 more for the installation and maintenance of so called
6 hand sets, or French telephones, or for any service
7 rendered thereto or therewith than would be charged
8 to the user of a standard telephone transmitting set
9 under the same circumstances; provided that any
10 user of such hand set may be charged after the passage
11 of this act an initial charge not to exceed the cost of
12 manufacture of each set used by him plus ten per
13 centum of said cost. One payment of said initial
14 charge per set shall entitle the subscriber to the use

15 of a hand set at the regular standard charges when-
 16 ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele-
 17 phone service within the commonwealth if such or
 18 similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com-
 19 pany.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year of the Lord 1933, and of the Independence of the United States the 57th.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Assembly met, that Chapter 154B of the Acts of 1932 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The section entitled "Section 154B of the Acts of 1932" shall be amended to read as follows: "Section 154B. Any person who is a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth and who is at any time thereafter a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the company shall be liable for the regular standard charges for the use of a hand set at the regular standard charges when- ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele- phone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com- pany."

Section 2. The section entitled "Section 154B of the Acts of 1932" shall be amended to read as follows: "Section 154B. Any person who is a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth and who is at any time thereafter a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the company shall be liable for the regular standard charges for the use of a hand set at the regular standard charges when- ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele- phone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com- pany."

Section 3. The section entitled "Section 154B of the Acts of 1932" shall be amended to read as follows: "Section 154B. Any person who is a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth and who is at any time thereafter a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the company shall be liable for the regular standard charges for the use of a hand set at the regular standard charges when- ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele- phone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com- pany."

Section 4. The section entitled "Section 154B of the Acts of 1932" shall be amended to read as follows: "Section 154B. Any person who is a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth and who is at any time thereafter a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the company shall be liable for the regular standard charges for the use of a hand set at the regular standard charges when- ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele- phone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com- pany."

Section 5. The section entitled "Section 154B of the Acts of 1932" shall be amended to read as follows: "Section 154B. Any person who is a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth and who is at any time thereafter a subscriber to telephone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the company shall be liable for the regular standard charges for the use of a hand set at the regular standard charges when- ever he is at any time thereafter a subscriber to tele- phone service within the commonwealth if such or similar hand sets are at that time in use by the com- pany."