

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3807

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of Francis J. Bevilacqua relative to requiring a reduced rate by gas, electric and telephone companies for service to the elderly. Government Regulations.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT REQUIRING A REDUCED RATE BY GAS, ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES FOR SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY.

*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 25 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 9A the following section: —
- 3 *Section 9B.* The department shall not approve rates or
- 4 schedules for gas, electric and telephone companies unless such
- 5 rates or schedules include provisions granting a reduced rate of at
- 6 least fifty percent to all elderly persons. As used herein the term
- 7 “elderly persons” shall mean persons sixty-two years of age or
- 8 older who are subscribers for gas, electric or telephone service
- 9 and who do not share such subscription with more than one
- 10 other person in the same dwelling unit who is less than sixty-two
- 11 years of age and whose earned income is less than five thousand
- 12 dollars. The department shall adopt and, from time to time,
- 13 review and, if necessary, modify procedures for the prompt, fair
- 14 and efficient establishment and maintenance of such reduced
- 15 rates and schedules by all gas, electric and telephone companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

The Government of the District of Columbia

Section 1. That the following provisions shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of the passage of this act:

AS TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, AND IN THE TERRITORY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following provisions shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of the passage of this act:

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