

SENATE No. 419

By Mr. Aylmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 419) of John F. Aylmer for legislation to further clarify the law prohibiting gas and electric companies from imposing certain charges on the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT FURTHER CLARIFYING THE LAW PROHIBITING GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES FROM IMPOSING CERTAIN CHARGES ON THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

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 94D of Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting
3 in place thereof the following new paragraph: —

4 No gas or electric company shall collect from the Common-
5 wealth or any city, town, county, or political subdivision
6 thereof, on account of its failure to pay any bill which is
7 either a gross charge or a net charge allowable as a discount
8 due for gas or electricity furnished to the Commonwealth, or
9 any city, town, county or political subdivision thereof, any
10 charges as, or in the nature of, a penalty until the expiration
11 of fifty-five days from the date of such bill; provided, that
12 nothing herein shall prevent the collection of any amount
13 allowable as a discount from such a bill in the event of its
14 payment within a period specified therein, if the right to such
15 a discount has been forfeited by failure so to pay such bill.

