

By Mr. Jordan of Springfield, petition of Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., Kenneth M. Lemanski, Anthony M. Scibelli and Rudy Chmura relative to the termination of gas and electric service. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SHUTTING OFF OF GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE.

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 sixty-four of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding after section 124G the following new sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 124H.* No gas or electric company shall shut off or fail to
5 restore gas or electric service to any household during such time as
6 a child below the age of eighteen months resides therein provided
7 further that the customer cannot afford to pay any overdue bill
8 because of a financial hardship. The department may promulgate
9 such rules and regulations consistent with this section as it deems
10 reasonable and necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

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