

By Mr. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 371) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation to require public agencies to reimburse public utility companies for the costs of relocation. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC AGENCIES TO REIMBURSE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES FOR THE COSTS OF RELOCATION.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 79A of the General Laws,  
2 inserted by section 1 of chapter 863 of the Acts of 1973, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the definition of "Displaced person" and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following definitions: —

5 "Displaced person", any person who, on or after the effective  
6 date of this act, moves from real property, or moves his personal  
7 property from real property, and any public utility company  
8 which removes or relocates its public utility property from real  
9 property regardless of whether such public utility property exists  
10 or is located in or on such real property by right pursuant to a  
11 fee or easement interest or by license or at the sufferance of the  
12 commonwealth or any county, city or town, or any instrumen-  
13 tality or agency thereof, as a result of the acquisition of such  
14 property or the receipt of a written order to vacate real property,  
15 for a program or project undertaken by an agency or person  
16 required to provide relocations assistance under this act.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 1 of said chapter 79A is hereby  
2 further amended by adding after the definition of "Public agency"  
3 the following definition: —

4 "Public utility property", any pipe, main, conduit, cable, wire,  
5 pole, tower or other utility equipment or facility owned or

- 6 operated by any electric, gas, telephone or telegraph, or water
- 7 company located in the commonwealth.