

HOUSE No. 5192

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of Larry F. Giordano for legislation to limit the amount hospitals may charge for the use of a telephone. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT LIMITING THE COST TO A HOSPITAL PATIENT FOR THE USE OF A TELEPHONE.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 70F the following section: —
- 3 Section 70G. No hospital licensed under section fifty-one shall
- 4 charge a patient more than seventy-five cents per day for the use
- 5 of a telephone in his hospital room. The hospital may request that
- 6 the rate setting commission authorize an increase in said rate. The
- 7 rate setting commission may promulgate rules and regulations to
- 8 implement the provisions of this section.

