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Bill accompanying the petition of Maurice J. Power for legislation relative to the purchase of gas and electric plants by cities and towns. Public Lighting. February 3.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Purchase of Gas and Electric Plants  
by Cities and Towns.

*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 ten of chapter thirty-four  
2 of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
3 ing out, in lines three and four, the words "in  
4 which there is no private gas or electric lighting  
5 company."

1 SECTION 2. Section ten of said chapter thirty-  
2 four is hereby amended by inserting after the

3 word "purchase," in line twenty-two, the words:  
4 — *provided, however*, that the amount to be paid  
5 shall not exceed the reasonable cost of buying and  
6 establishing a new plant, or like portions of a new  
7 plant, having an equivalent capacity of production  
8 and distribution and an equally serviceable quality  
9 of material and construction, counting at its fair  
10 market value the land purchased.