

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 3851, changed). March 10.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES OF A TELEPHONE COMPANY FROM WORKING IN AN EXCAVATION OR TRENCH IN WHICH THERE MAY BE ENERGIZED CABLES.

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 166 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 15C the following section:—

3 *Section 15D.* No telephone company which has underground
4 wires or cables in a joint trench or other underground location
5 used jointly with an electric company shall require an employee
6 of such telephone company to perform repair work on the wires
7 or cables of such telephone company in any such trench or other
8 such location where energized wires or cables owned by the elec-
9 tric company are present without giving reasonable notice of the
10 time and place of such repair work to such electric company.

11 Prior to any excavation at the location specified for such re-
12 pair work, the electric company so notified shall notify such
13 telephone company of all energized wires and cables owned by
14 the electric company in the area to be excavated and if the wires
15 and cables of the telephone company cannot be repaired without
16 exposing the employee of the telephone company to contact with
17 the energized wires and cables of the electric company, the elec-
18 tric company at the time of the excavation shall furnish a quali-
19 fied employee of the electric company to identify and designate
20 to the telephone company employee or employees all energized
21 wires and cables owned by the electric company in such location.

