

HOUSE No. 4788

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of Francis J. Bevilacqua that telephone companies be prohibited from disconnecting services of any consumer for a period of forty-five days during which time the consumers shall have the right to appeal and a hearing before the Department of Public Utilities. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FORTY-FIVE DAY APPEAL PERIOD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR CONSUMERS PRIOR TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF TELEPHONE 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 The department of public utilities is hereby directed to
2 promulgate by rule a provision prohibiting a telephone
3 company from disconnecting the service of any consumer for a
4 period of forty-five days during which time the consumer shall
5 have the right to appeal and a hearing before said department.

