

By Mr. Galotti of Belmont, petition of Edward F. Galotti that city councils and boards of selectmen be authorized to cancel agreements for the construction of cable antenna television networks. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCILS AND BOARDS OF SELECTMEN TO CANCEL AGREEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CATV NETWORKS IN 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. The provisions of any general or special law to
2 the contrary notwithstanding, and the promulgation of rules and
3 regulations by the CATV commission notwithstanding, any city
4 council or board of selectmen, may, by a majority vote of its
5 members, cancel the contract awarded by any authority for the
6 construction of a CATV system for failure of the company to
7 proceed in an expeditious manner in the construction of such a
8 system within any city or town, or in the case of a multi-city or
9 multi-town system, within the member cities and/or towns.

1 SECTION 2. In cities which require mayoral approval of
2 council actions, and in which the mayor objects to such action,
3 the subject city council may, by the same vote required to
4 override or pass over the objections of any mayor, in similar
5 fashion and by that vote, pass such regulations to accomplish the
6 goal outlined in section one above.

1 SECTION 3. The CATV commission shall, in those instances
2 where a city council or board of selectmen cancels awards, made
3 as outlined above, approve such action, notwithstanding any
4 regulations heretofore promulgated.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.