

SENATE No. 305

By Mr. Rogers, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 305) of George Rogers for legislation to require the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Public Utilities to permit customers of utility companies to have thirty days in which to pay bills. Energy

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PERMIT CUSTOMERS OF UTILITY COMPANIES TO HAVE 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO PAY BILLS.

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 Public Utilities Commission or its successor
2 is hereby directed to devise regulations permitting customers
3 of public utility companies 30 days in which to pay bills for
4 gas, electric and telephone service.

1 SECTION 2. The Public Utilities Commission is hereby
2 authorized and directed to establish penalties for those utilities
3 which notify their customers they have anything less than
4 30 days in which to pay their bills.

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