

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to regulate the operation of customer owned coin operated telephones. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF COCOTs.

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 159 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1986
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 12D
3 the following two sections: —

4 Section 12E. The following words as used in section 12F, shall
5 have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:
6 "Certificate," A certificate issued to an applicant by the
7 department, after a hearing and proof of public convenience and
8 necessity for the operation of a COCOT.

9 "COCOT," A customer owned coin operated telephone.

10 "Public Area of Building," Any area or building to which the
11 public has the right of access, and where one or more pay
12 telephones are located for use by the public.

13 Section 12F. No person shall provide COCOT service in a pub-
14 lic area or building without obtaining a certificate issued by the
15 department. Each application shall be accompanied by a
16 nonrefundable filing fee to be determined annually by the
17 Commissioner of Administration under the provisions of section
18 three B of chapter seven. No person owning or operating a
19 COCOT shall charge more than fifteen cents for each direct dialed
20 telephone call made from said telephone.

21 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations
22 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section which shall

23 include, but shall not be limited to the following: provisions
24 governing the issuance of the certificate of public convenience and
25 necessity; and specifications for the design and construction of
26 COCOTs which require them to be clearly distinguishable from
27 other pay telephones which are owned and operated by common
28 carriers.