

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1320

By Mr. Ahearn of Norwood, petition of John R. Buckley and other members of the House for legislation to exclude certain expenditures by public utility companies for rate-making purposes. Government Regulations.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY A PUBLIC UTILITY FOR RATE-MAKING PURPOSES.

*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. Chapter 159 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding after section 105, the following section:—

3 *Section 106.* Each public utility, subject to regulation under  
4 this chapter, shall include in the accounts to be required to  
5 be filed by it the following specified information in as complete  
6 detail as the department of public utilities may, from time to  
7 time require:— (a) All contributions made by it to any organi-  
8 zation, corporation or association, whether profitable or non-  
9 profitable.

10 (b) All contributions, membership fees, assessments and ex-  
11 penses paid by such public utility company to any trade organi-  
12 zation, service organization, or other membership association,  
13 specifying each such organization and the amount of each such  
14 contribution, membership fee, assessment and expense made  
15 by the said company to each such organization, together with  
16 a statement of the purposes and activities of each such organiza-  
17 tion during the year in question.

18 (c) Costs and expenses incurred directly or indirectly for  
19 all advertising purchased by the utility or any organization or  
20 association of it is a member.

21 (d) The names and address of all attorneys employed, di-  
22 rectly or indirectly, by the said company during the year, to-

23 gether with the sums paid to each such attorney for fees and  
24 expenses, listed separately, and the nature of services rendered  
25 by each such attorney to the company for which payment is  
26 made.

27 (e) The names and addresses of all elected officials, federal,  
28 state or local, to whom the company made payment or con-  
29 tribution, directly or indirectly, whether made to such indi-  
30 vidual or to any political organization on his behalf.

31 To the extent that payments included in such accounts are  
32 determined by the department of public utilities to be expenses  
33 incurred to influence legislation, or are classified as charitable  
34 contributions, such sums shall be excluded from the operating  
35 expenses for rate-making purposes.

1 SECTION 2. Section 94 of chapter 164, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 615 of the acts of 1963, is hereby further  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:— Each public  
4 utility, subject to regulation under this chapter, shall include  
5 in the accounts to be required to be filed by it the following  
6 specified information in as complete detail as the department  
7 of public utilities may, from time to time require:— (a) All  
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