

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to further define cable television license fees. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE FEES.

*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 166A of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended, is hereby amended by striking section nine and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 9. License Fees:* No application for a license to operate  
5 a CATV system or for renewal, transfer or assignment of such a  
6 license shall be considered by an issuing authority unless it is  
7 accompanied by an application fee of one hundred dollars payable  
8 to the city or town. A license serving more than two hundred and  
9 fifty subscribers shall on or before March fifteenth of each year,  
10 pay to the Commonwealth a license fee equal to fifty cents per  
11 subscriber served and to the issuing authority a license fee equal to  
12 eighty cents per subscriber served. In determining a license fee, the  
13 number of subscribers served shall be measured as of December  
14 thirty-first of the preceding calendar year.

15 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an increase in  
16 the subscription rate charged to the subscribers shall cause a  
17 proportionate percentage increase in the license fee paid annually  
18 by the licensee to the Commonwealth and to the issuing authority.

1 SECTION 2. This section shall take effect upon its passage.

By Mr. [Name] of the [State], a bill for the purpose of [purpose]

SECTION 1. That [text]

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SECTION 2. That [text]

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