

HOUSE No. 1218

Bill accompanying the petition of John J. Feneno and another for legislation relative to instruction in the reading of electric meters and relative to bills for the consumption of electricity. Public Lighting. January 28.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

Relative to the Reading of Electric Meters and to the Payment of Bills of Electric Companies.

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. Electric companies or corporations doing
2 a business in this commonwealth are hereby required by
3 law to instruct consumers how to read the electric meter
4 employed by the company to determine the amount of
5 electricity consumed in a given period, and upon the
6 request of any consumer, to explain how the amount of
7 any bill has been determined.

8 Electric companies or corporations doing a business
9 in this commonwealth are hereby required to leave with

10 the owner of the premises of the customer of the said
11 electric companies or corporations, or the consumer, so-
12 called, a duplicate slip of each reading of the said electric
13 meter.

14 Any bill rendered by an electric company or corpora-
15 tion to a customer or consumer shall not be collectible
16 unless said bill is identical with the duplicate which is
17 held by the customer or consumer under the provisions
18 of section two of this act.

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