

By Mr. Morrissey, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1979) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to uphold reciprocal compensation contracts relative to Internet service providers. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT UPHOLDING RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION CONTRACTS.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, telephone calls to Internet Service Providers (ISP),
3 entered into between 1996 to the present, shall be deemed "local
4 calls" for reciprocal compensation purposes, except where the
5 terms of an interconnection agreement expressly prohibits pay-
6 ment of reciprocal compensation for calls to ISPs. All compensa-
7 tion earned under terms of said reciprocal compensation
8 agreements, equal to the amounts previously held in escrow
9 pending DTE 97-116C ruling, shall be refunded to the parties des-
10 ignated thereunder. Further, all compensation earned under terms
11 of said reciprocal compensation agreements from May 19, 1999
12 forward, shall be paid in full until expiration of obligation under
13 terms of said agreements.

1 SECTION 2. This Act will take effect immediately upon its
2 passage.

