

HOUSE No. 6796

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 14, 1981.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2306) of Robert B. Ambler, William F. Galvin, Charles N. Decas and J. Michael Ruane for legislation to require telephone directory assistance operators to check both the yellow and white pages of telephone directories when complying with customer requests; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3726) of William F. Galvin that telephone companies be authorized to permit married couples residing at the same address to become joint subscribers, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6796) ought to pass.

For the committee,

WILLIAM F. GALVIN

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE.

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 inserting following Section 16A, the following new
3 section, 16B: —

4 *Section 16B.* The Department of Public Utilities is hereby au-
5 thorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations mandat-
6 ing directory assistance operators to check both the white and
7 yellow pages of telephone directories when complying with custo-
8 mer requests.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 166 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 15C the following new section,
3 15D: —

4 *Section 15D.* Telephone companies shall allow, upon request,
5 married couples residing at the same address to become joint
6 subscribers. Joint subscribers under the provisions of this section
7 shall be entitled jointly to the same services rendered to single
8 subscribers at the same rate charged to single subscribers with the
9 requirement that the listing of such joint subscribers be listed
10 individually and alphabetically; by the first name of each person

11 Every telephone company doing business in the Commonwealth
12 shall print a copy of this section in a prominent place in each
13 telephone directory published by it.