

HOUSE . . . . No. 423.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 25, 1885.

Believing that the thousands of business men in this Commonwealth who have petitioned this legislature for a reduction of telephone rates, desire that some notice be taken of their petitions by the passage of a law limiting charges for the use of telephone instruments, the undersigned dissents from the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, "leave to withdraw," and respectfully submits the accompanying bill.

AUGUSTINE H. READ.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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[In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

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### AN ACT

To limit the Price to be charged for renting Telephone Instruments in this Commonwealth.

*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. No individual, company or cor-  
2 poration now or hereafter owning, controlling or  
3 operating any telephone line in operation in this  
4 state, shall be allowed to charge, collect or re-  
5 ceive as rental for the use of such telephones, with  
6 their attachments and appliances, a sum exceed-  
7 ing three dollars per month, where one telephone  
8 only is rented to one individual, company or cor-  
9 poration. Where two or more telephones are  
10 rented to the same individual, company or corpo-  
11 ration, the rental per month for each telephone so  
12 rented shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents  
13 per month.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect July first,  
2 eighteen hundred and eighty-five.



