

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to preserve access to sanitation and water for domestic usage within residential premises. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PRESERVING ACCESS TO SANITATION AND TO WATER FOR DOMESTIC USES.

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. The first sentence of the second paragraph of  
2 section 42B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
3 the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
4 word "advisable" the words ", except in the case of premises  
5 occupied by residential tenants;".

1 SECTION 2. Section 42B of said chapter 40 is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following  
3 new paragraph:—

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all  
5 persons, companies, districts, commissions or other entities of any  
6 kind whatsoever providing water and/or sewer service within the  
7 commonwealth shall not terminate service to residential premises  
8 occupied by tenants as a means to collect unpaid bills from the  
9 owners of the premises.

