

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2596

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By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Joseph M. Tierney for legislation to prohibit utility companies from charging for construction work in progress. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

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### AN ACT FORBIDDING THE CHARGING OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS CHARGES TO CONSUMERS OF UTILITIES.

*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. That no utilities shall charge consumers (custom-  
2 ers) for the cost of construction work in progress charges or any  
3 cost of construction, maintaining, operating, owning or financing  
4 any property or related entity which is not fully and completely  
5 operational or is being totally used for service.

1 SECTION 2. That the Department of Public Utilities will not  
2 approve any rate or charge or other implied liability which includes  
3 such costs.

