

SENATE No. 1817

By Mr. McCann, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1817) of Francis X. McCann for legislation to require certain notice by gas and electric companies. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN NOTICE BY GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

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 116 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amend-
2 ed by section 1 of chapter 305 of the acts of 1961, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following two sentences: —
4 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary,
5 if any owner or lessee of premises files a written request by
6 certified mail, return receipt requested, to the gas or electric
7 company servicing his said premises, to notify said owner or
8 lessee of the scheduled dates or changes thereof of said en-
9 tries upon his premises by said officer or servant so as to
10 provide for the protection of the inspecting parties and the
11 pets of the owners of such premises by giving said owners
12 the opportunity to restrain their pets during the inspection
13 periods, the said company shall give timely notice hereof in
14 answer to said request. Failure of such company to comply
15 with this requirement of notice shall be deemed prima facie
16 evidence of liability for injury to the said inspecting officer
17 or servant making such entry and for the injury to a pet of
18 the owner lawfully on said premises being inspected as a
19 result of a confrontation or attack between or by either said
20 inspecting party or said pet, or both.

