

HOUSE No. 4882

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 2, 1969.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1210) of Morton Bardfield and Jack H. Backman that cities and towns be required to co-operate with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in providing emergency telephone service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1616) of Walter T. Burke that the Department of Public Utilities be required to direct the installation of a uniform hot line, so called, by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for crime prevention and emergency use; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3654) of Thomas S. Eisenstadt that the Department of Public Utilities be directed to require the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to assign a distinctive number to the police departments in Suffolk County; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3658) of C. Vincent Shea that telephone companies be required to establish standard numbers for police and fire departments, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 4882).

For the committee,

WILLIAM Q. MACLEAN, JR.

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

AN ACT REQUIRING TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO ASSIGN UNIFORM NUMBERS TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS CONTRACTING FOR UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 166 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 14 the following section:—

3 *Section 14A.* Every telephone company doing business
4 within the commonwealth, upon the receipt of an order for
5 universal emergency telephone service from an official autho-
6 rized to contract for such service for a municipality, shall
7 make available under rates, rules and regulations filed with
8 the department of public utilities pursuant to chapter one
9 hundred and fifty-nine, and as soon as is reasonable the
10 universal emergency telephone number "911" for use by the
11 public in seeking assistance from fire, police and other related
12 safety agencies through a single report center manned by the
13 municipality.