

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1311

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By Mr. Sheridan of Maynard, petition of Wycliffe C. Marshall relative to investigation by the Department of Public Utilities of effect on price of telephone service of control of telephone companies by holding companies. Power and Light.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

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An Act relative to Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities of the Effect on the Price of Telephone Service by Holding-Company Control of Telephone Companies operating within the Commonwealth.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act  
2 would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is  
3 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary  
4 for the immediate preservation of the public welfare.

*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 one hundred and sixty-six of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
3 eleven the following new section:—

4 *Section 12.* Whenever any corporation, society,  
5 trust, association, partnership, or individual con-  
6 trols a telephone or telephone and telegraph com-  
7 pany subject to this chapter and operating within

8 the commonwealth of Massachusetts in intrastate  
9 telephone business either directly by ownership of  
10 the voting stock of the said company or indirectly  
11 by ownership of the voting stock of another cor-  
12 poration, society, trust, association, or partnership  
13 so controlling (directly or indirectly) such company  
14 subject to this chapter, the department of public  
15 utilities, upon its own initiative after public notice,  
16 shall investigate the effect of the said control on  
17 the price of intrastate telephone service by said  
18 company subject to this chapter within the com-  
19 monwealth. After notice and hearing, the depart-  
20 ment shall make such order or orders relative  
21 thereto as it deems the public interest requires.  
22 Any order made under the provisions of this sec-  
23 tion may be enforced as provided in section seventy-  
24 nine of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the  
25 General Laws.