
By Mr. Quinlan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 494) of John M. Quinlan for legislation to require the filing of certain evidence with requests for telephone and telephone rate increases. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE WITH
REQUESTS FOR TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH RATE INCREASES.**

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 19 of chapter 159 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking
3 out the fifth and sixth sentences and inserting in place thereof
4 the following two sentences: — Unless the department other-
5 wise orders, no change shall be made in any rate, joint rate,
6 fare, telephone rental, toll, classification or charge, or in any
7 rule or regulation or form of contract or agreement in any
8 manner affecting the same as shown upon the schedules filed
9 in accordance with this chapter, except after thirty days from
10 the date of filing a statement with the department setting
11 forth the changes proposed to be made in the schedule then in
12 force and the time when such changes shall take effect, to-
13 gether with all supporting evidence, documents, exhibits, and
14 other material, in writing; and such notice to the public as the
15 department orders, to be given prior to the time fixed in such
16 statement to the department for the changes to take effect.
17 The department for good cause shown may allow changes be-
18 fore the expiration of said thirty days, and may require sub-
19 mission of additional supporting evidence, under such condi-
20 tions as it may prescribe, and may suspend the taking effect of
21 changes under the circumstances and in the manner provided
22 in the following section.

