

# SENATE . . . . No. 480

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To accompany the petition of Joseph L. Murphy that service charges, charges for use of meters or other additional charges by corporations furnishing gas or electricity be prohibited. Power and Light.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT PROHIBITING SERVICE CHARGES, CHARGES FOR USE OF METERS OR OTHER ADDITIONAL CHARGES BY CORPORATIONS FURNISHING GAS OR ELECTRICITY.

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

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-  
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the  
authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section one hundred and nineteen of chapter one  
2 hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, as  
3 amended by chapter four hundred and four of the  
4 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out section one hundred  
6 and nineteen and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
7 lowing: —

8 *Section 119.* No separate, distinct or additional  
9 charge, or a service charge or a charge for the use of

10 a meter, directly or indirectly, in addition to the  
11 price for the consumption of gas and/or electricity,  
12 shall be made by a corporation furnishing gas and/or  
13 electricity for lighting or heating purposes during  
14 any portion of twelve consecutive months.