

SENATE No. 434

By Ms. Swift, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 434) of Jane M. Swift, John C. Klimm and the Massachusetts Municipal Association, by Michael J. Hogan, president, for legislation relative to cable television fees. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CABLE TELEVISION FEES.

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 1. Section 9 of chapter 166A of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by deleting the language in the second sentence,
3 “pay to the commonwealth a license fee equal to eighty cents per
4 subscriber served and to the issuing authority a license fee equal
5 to fifty cents per subscriber served.”, and inserting in place thereof
6 the following: — pay a license fee in an amount as set forth in
7 the franchise agreement, said fee not to exceed the maximum
8 amount allowed by federal law; the issuing authority shall forward
9 to the commonwealth an amount equal to eighty cents per
10 subscriber as the commonwealth’s portion of the license fee.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon enactment and
2 shall only apply to franchise agreements executed after the
3 effective date of this act.

