

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3135**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Martin J. Walsh**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to corrosion and leak surveys.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO CORROSION AND LEAK SURVEYS.

*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 164 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after sections 75H the following 2 sections:-
- 3 Section 75 I. Each gas service provided by a gas company or municipal lighting plant to a consumer shall  
4 be inspected for corrosion and leak surveyed as required by all state and federal regulations by the  
5 company or municipal lighting plant at the premises of the consumer.
- 6 Any gas company or municipal lighting plant which violates any provision of this section, unless in the  
7 opinion of the department such violation is due to unavoidable cause, accident or lack of materials, shall  
8 forfeit twenty five dollars for each service which is not inspected for corrosion and leak surveyed as  
9 provided herein. Forfeitures incurred under this section shall not be included as expenses in connection  
10 with the establishment of rates by said companies.
- 11 Section 75J. Any new natural gas services shall be initially activated into a consumer's residence or  
12 business only by qualified personnel under state and federal regulations