

SENATE No. 01688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 to allow greater responsiveness of telephone rates to consumer demand in a competitive market.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Rodrigues

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Rodrigues, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1688) of Rodrigues for legislation to allow greater responsiveness of telephone rates to consumer demand [Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to allow greater responsiveness of telephone rates to consumer demand in a competitive market.

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 19 of chapter 159 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

3 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, a telephone company or a common carrier
4 furnishing services described in paragraph (d) of section twelve may post on its website the rates,
5 terms and conditions of any retail service it offers, renders or furnishes within the
6 commonwealth. The foregoing paragraph shall not apply to any service so posted, and such
7 company or carrier shall not be required to file with the department or obtain department
8 approval of any schedule for such service. Upon written notice to the department, such company
9 or carrier may withdraw any schedule, contract or agreement previously filed with the
10 department for any service so posted.