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HOUSE . . . . . No. 873

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal and town cell phones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/10/2011*
David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*	*2/3/2011*

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 873) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and David B. Sullivan for legislation to require cell phone carriers to notify public safety governmental customers of cities and towns relative to the termination of telephone services used by such employees. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3108* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to municipal and town cell phones.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any cell phone carrier whose customer is a municipality or town in the Commonwealth, and said cell phone service is for official city or town business use related or connected to a public safety department of said community, shall not shut off or otherwise disconnect, discontinue, or cancel said cell phone service for any reason without first notifying by written communication the municipality or town that the said cell phone service will be shut off, disconnected, discontinued, or canceled.

Such notification shall be in writing by the cell phone carrier and specifically explain the reasons and exact date by which any said action will be taken. Furthermore, the written

communication must be received by the said city or town at least 60 days prior to any such action undertaken by the carrier.