

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1688**

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**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 adoption 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:

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1688) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to allow greater responsiveness of telephone rates to consumer demand. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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.