

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2983**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*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 providing discretion to municipal light boards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2983) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to allowing line workers to work on certain high voltage live wires, electrical equipment or other energized conductors. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act providing discretion to municipal light boards.

*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. Notwithstanding section 129C of chapter 149 of the General Laws, any  
2 municipal light board or equivalent thereof, may adopt by majority vote the following language  
3 for its electric light department or equivalent thereof:-

4           Line workers and troublemen may work on live wires, electrical equipment or other  
5 energized conductors in excess of 15,000 volts phase-to-phase or 8,500 volts phase-to-ground  
6 directly with rubber gloves, when de-energizing is not feasible and only when following the  
7 applicable provisions of NFPA 70E, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace, 2004  
8 Edition, Articles 110, 120 and 130, concerning proper safe work practices, personal protective  
9 equipment and clothing.

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.