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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 prohibiting certain termination and cancellation fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*1/24/2017*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*	*1/26/2017*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*	*1/31/2017*
Ryan C. Fattman	*Worcester and Norfolk*	*2/2/2017*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*2/14/2017*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 152) of Richard J. Ross, Steven S. Howitt, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Keiko M. Orrall and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit certain termination and cancellation fees. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act prohibiting certain termination and cancellation fees.

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. Chapter 25C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

Section 9. (a) Subject to federal law and regulation, no provider of telephone, cellular telephone, television, internet, energy, or water services shall impose a fee for termination or early cancellation of a service contract in the event the customer has deceased before the end of such contract.

(b) Every violation of this section shall be punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately.