

**SENATE . . . . . No. 174**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 174**

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 174) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to prohibit certain termination and cancellation fees. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

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

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.