

HOUSE No. 3829

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Barrett, III

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 the oversight of cable contracts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John Barrett, III</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> | <i>2/22/2021</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Finn</i> | <i>6th Hampden</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>4th Berkshire</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Thomas P. Walsh</i> | <i>12th Essex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>7th Hampden</i> | <i>3/3/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/16/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of John Barrett, III and others relative to the oversight of cable contracts. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the oversight of cable contracts.

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

1 Chapter 166A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10A. If an issuing authority determines that a licensee has violated a condition of
4 their license, the matter shall be referred to the department of telecommunications and cable for
5 further review and action pursuant to section 11. If a settlement agreement is reached between
6 the issuing authority and a licensee, the department shall review and approve the agreement;
7 provided, that the department shall not approve the agreement if the department determines that
8 the agreement is not in the best interest of impacted subscribers.