

SENATE No. 2137

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

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 protecting broadband access in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joseph A. Boncore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2137) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to protect broadband access in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act protecting broadband access in the Commonwealth.

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 124F of Chapter 164 of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2 adding the following new paragraph:-

3 No broadband company, as defined in section 6B, chapter 40J of the general laws, shall
4 between September first and June thirtieth shut off broadband service to any residential customer
5 who cannot pay an overdue charge because of financial hardship, when broadband service is
6 used to provide internet access and wireless internet access. The department may promulgate
7 such rules and regulations consistent with this section as it deems reasonable and necessary to
8 implement the provision of this section.