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HOUSE . . . . . No. 72

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:
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*1/8/2025*

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 72) of John Barrett, III relative to the oversight of cable contracts. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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:

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

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