

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3829**

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**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:
<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)**  
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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.