

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1612**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Rodrigues***

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to allow web posting of telephone rates .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Rodrigues*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1612) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to allow greater responsiveness of telephone rates to consumer demand.  
Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

□ □ SENATE  
□ , NO. 1688 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to allow web posting of telephone rates .

*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: Section 19 of chapter 159 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:

3 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, a telephone company or a common carrier  
4 furnishing services described in paragraph (d) of section twelve may post on its website the rates,  
5 terms and conditions of any retail service it offers, renders or furnishes within the  
6 commonwealth. The foregoing paragraph shall not apply to any service so posted, and such  
7 company or carrier shall not be required to file with the department or obtain department  
8 approval of any schedule for such service. Upon written notice to the department, such company  
9 or carrier may withdraw any schedule, contract or agreement previously filed with the  
10 department for any service so posted.