

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Eldridge

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 Relative to Tampering with Water Company Meters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Eldridge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TAMPERING WITH WATER COMPANY METERS.

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.

2 Section 11 of Chapter 165 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words “not more
3 than one hundred dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-- “triple the amount of
4 damages sustained thereby or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater” and by adding at the end of
5 thereof the following new sentence:- “ Damages shall include the value of the water used and the cost
6 of labor and equipment repair and replacement.”

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