

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

*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 the authority of the department of telecommunications and cable.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01942 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE.

*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 2 of Chapter 166A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-  
3 The Department shall have the full scope of authority to investigate any institution that provides  
4 multi-media communications including but not limited to: television, internet service, voice-over  
5 internet protocol, and telephone service, and shall make all necessary examinations and inquires  
6 to be able to supervise and keep informed as to the providers dealings with the cities and towns  
7 of the Commonwealth, and the manner in which they are conducted with reference to the public  
8 interest, and as to their compliance with the provision of law and orders, directions and  
9 requirements of the department and the Federal Communications Commission.