

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **874** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DAIX, MARCH 11, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
MARCH 11, 1919.

AN ACT

Relating to public service companies limiting their charges to services actually rendered or furnished requiring such companies to supply all instruments and devices necessary and incidental to their service prohibiting the discontinuance of service as a means of collecting charges in certain cases and prescribing penalties

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same* That
4 it shall be unlawful for any public service company to
5 impose upon consumers of its service any charge com-
6 monly called a ready to serve charge or meter charge
7 or meter rental charge or any other charge of any kind
8 whatsoever except the charge imposed for the services ac-
9 tually furnished or rendered to consumers thereof and all
10 such charges now imposed and collected are hereby de-
11 clared illegal

1 It shall be the duty of every public service company
2 to supply all instruments and devices of whatsoever kind
3 and character necessary and incidental to the service
4 which it renders at its own expense and without charge
5 or expense to its consumers

6 Section 2 If any public service company attempts to
7 collect any charge in violation of the provisions of sec-
8 tion one of this act by a discontinuation of service
9 such company shall be liable to a penalty of three hun-
10 dred dollars which shall be recovered by an action in
11 the name of the Commonwealth as penalties of like
12 amount are now by law recoverable

13 Section 3 The Public Service Commission of the Com-
14 monwealth shall enforce the provisions of this act