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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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:

An Act requiring greater disclosure by travel agents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2690) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan relative to requiring greater disclosure by travel agents.

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An Act requiring greater disclosure by travel agents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 115. No seller of travel services may accept any payment in any form, either directly or indirectly, from a consumer, including but not limited to payment by cash, check, money order, credit card, debit card, charge card, or authorization for electronic funds transfer or credit card charge, unless and until the seller of travel services has provided the consumer, either directly or through another seller of travel services, with a written, itemized description of any commissions payable to the seller of travel services by any third party on account of the sale to the consumer. Failure to provide said written, itemized description of any commission shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act under chapter 93A.