

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1534**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the revenues of Commonwealth..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1534) of Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to the revenues of the Commonwealth. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1348 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to the revenues of Commonwealth..

*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. Chapter 14 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end the  
2 following section:-

3 “SECTION 12. Non-earned income in excess of \$1.5 billion; transfer to Stabilization  
4 Fund

5 Section 12. The commissioner of revenue shall certify to the secretary of the executive  
6 office of administration and finance not later than the fifth day of each month his best estimate of  
7 the amount of tax revenue from non-earned income received by the Commonwealth in the  
8 previous month, and the total amount of tax revenue from non-earned income received by the  
9 Commonwealth in the current fiscal year. Any tax revenue from non-earned income in excess of  
10 \$1,500,000,000, as so certified, shall be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.”

11 SECTION 2. Section 29 of Chapter 2H is hereby amended by adding at the end the  
12 following paragraph:- “No appropriation shall be made from this fund unless approved either by  
13 two-thirds of the members in both branches of the legislature voting thereon or by unanimous  
14 consent in each branch of the legislature.”

15 SECTION 3. Section 19(a) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended in the  
16 fourth paragraph by striking out the phrase “70 per cent” and inserting in place thereof the phrase  
17 “a majority”; and in the fifth paragraph by striking out the phrase “70 per cent” and inserting in  
18 place thereof the phrase “a majority”.

19 SECTION 4. Section 2H of Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
20 adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:- “Not less than 10 per cent of the  
21 funds in the Stabilization Fund shall be set aside for the fiscal stability of local governmental  
22 units.”

23 SECTION 5. The Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Secretary of Health  
24 and Human services are hereby authorized and directed to evaluate the feasibility of contracting  
25 for recycling durable medical equipment purchased and issued by the Commonwealth through  
26 any and all of its medical assistance programs.

27 Said evaluation shall include but not be limited to a request for qualifications and/or  
28 proposals for entities capable of developing, implementing and operating a system of recycling  
29 whereby an inventory of such equipment is developed and managed so as to maximize the  
30 quality of service delivery to equipment recipients and to minimize costs and losses attributable  
31 to waste, fraud and/or abuse.

32           The Secretary of Administration and Finance shall report the findings of said evaluation,  
33 together with cost estimates for the operation of a recycling program, estimates of the savings it  
34 would generate, and legislative recommendations, no later than October 31, 2011.

35           SECTION 6. (A) Definitions – For the purposes of this section, the terms below shall be  
36 defined as follows:

37           Entity – whether for-profit or not for profit,

38                   a corporation

39                   an association

40                   a partnership

41                   a limited liability corporation

42                   a limited liability partnership

43                   a sole proprietorship

44                   any other legal business entity

45                   a political subdivision of the Commonwealth

46           provided that an employee of the Commonwealth or an individual recipient of assistance  
47 shall not be considered an entity.

48           State expenditure – an expenditure of state funds including grants, subgrants, loans,  
49 awards, cooperative agreements, financial assistance, contracts, subcontracts, purchase order,  
50 task orders and delivery orders, and excluding transactions below \$25,000.

51           Searchable website – a website which allows the public to:

52                   Search and aggregate state expenditures by any item identified in the definition of  
53 website contained herein

54                   Ascertain through a single search the total amount of state funding awarded to an  
55 entity by fiscal year, and

56                   Download information, including the results of searches.

57           Website – a searchable website which includes for each state expenditure:

58                   The name of the receiving entity

59                   The amount of the expenditure

60                   Information describing the expenditure such as transaction type, funding agency  
61 or program, and title descriptive of the purpose of the expenditure

62                   The location of the entity receiving the expenditure and the primary location of  
63 performance pursuant to the expenditure, including the city, state, country and legislative district

64                   A unique identifier of the entity receiving the award and of any parent entity of  
65 the recipient

66                   Any other relevant information specified by the Operational Services Division.

67           (B) The Secretary of Administration and Finance, the Comptroller, the Treasurer and the  
68 Operational Services Division are hereby authorized and directed to develop a single searchable  
69 website, accessible by the public without cost, to enable the public to research and examine state

70 expenditures as defined herein. Said website shall be designed so as to maximize utility,  
71 minimize cost and promote accessibility of information, and shall build upon resources currently  
72 existing, including, but not limited to, the “EASI” website, so-called, administered by the  
73 Executive Office of Administration and Finance, and the Comm-Pass system, so-called,  
74 administered by the Operational Services Division of the Executive Office of Administration and  
75 Finance.

76 In developing said website, the Secretary shall seek to obtain the use of coding and other  
77 information management infrastructure developed by the federal government pursuant to the  
78 “Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006”.

79 Said website shall seek to provide information for Fiscal Year 2011 and subsequent  
80 years.

81 A plan for the development and implementation of said website, together with any  
82 estimates for funding required and other legislative recommendations, shall be filed with the  
83 clerks of the House and Senate not later than November 30, 2011.

84 SECTION 7. (A) Section 1 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
85 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting in the definition of “regular compensation” after  
86 the first paragraph the following new paragraph: -

87 “Regular compensation,” during any period subsequent to January 1, 2011, shall mean  
88 the full salary, wages or other compensation in whatever form, lawfully determined for the  
89 individual service of the employee by the employing authority, not including bonus, overtime,  
90 allowances for housing, transportation, travel, any and all employment related expense  
91 reimbursements, severance pay for any and all unused sick leave, or any other payments made as

92 a result of giving notice of retirement, and any other such compensation in excess of salary or  
93 wages or as reasonably determined by the board.

94 (B) Section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
95 inserting following the definition of the words “Annuity savings fund” the following: - “Average  
96 annual rate of regular compensation”, shall be the average of the rate of regular compensation for  
97 any qualifying year of credible service received during each pay period during the qualifying  
98 year.

99 (C) Paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of section 5 of chapter 32, of the General Laws, as so  
100 appearing, is hereby amended at the end thereof by adding following: - In the event that eighty  
101 per cent or greater of his regular compensation is in payment for duties in the group having the  
102 higher maximum age limit, such member shall not be considered to have achieved the maximum  
103 age for superannuation until he has attained the maximum age limit in the group having the  
104 higher maximum age limit, said member shall be limited to the performance of such later duties  
105 as prescribed in this paragraph.

106 (D) Subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32, of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
107 hereby amended at the end thereof by adding the following sentences: - Provided that in any  
108 given year, no retirement allowance, as provided for by this chapter, shall exceed four hundred  
109 per cent of the average retirement allowance in the Commonwealth. The board shall determine  
110 the average retirement allowance in the Commonwealth as of January 1 of each year.