

SENATE No. 1744

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 taxes and fee transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1744) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to taxes and fee transparency. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to taxes and fee transparency.

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 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 38B the following section:-

3 Section 38B½. The committee on ways and means of each branch of the general court
4 shall conduct no less than 3 public hearings on bills referred to them that purport to establish,
5 increase or expand any new or existing taxes or fees. The committees shall give 14 days' public
6 notice prior to holding such public hearings. Each meeting shall be conducted in different cities
7 in three distinct geographical regions of the commonwealth. One meeting shall be conducted in
8 the City of Boston, one in the City of Worcester, and one in the City of Springfield.