

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1963**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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.

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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. 1963) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to taxes and fee transparency. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1744 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the  
2 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.