

SENATE No.

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:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1915 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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.