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By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Mayors Association that the law relative to powers of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation approving use of funds in determining annual assessments in cities and towns be amended. Taxation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT AMENDING THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION APPROVING THE USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as  
2 last amended by chapter 576 of the Acts of 1948, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the following  
4 provisions of said chapter 576 of the acts of 1948,  
5 appearing after the words "contrary to law" in the  
6 seventh line:—"provided, that the commissioner  
7 may, but shall not be required to, approve such de-  
8 ductions in the aggregate of more than fifty per cent  
9 of the funds available. Such deductions on account  
10 of available funds may be made by the assessors with-  
11 out such approval if the commissioner, within seven  
12 days after the receipt of a written request by the asses-  
13 sors to make such deductions, fails to render his de-  
14 cision thereon."

