

By Mr. Bullock, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1386) of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, by William Gerry Whitlock, president, for legislation to require full disclosure of the amounts owed by the Commonwealth to the cities and towns. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE AMOUNTS OWED BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE 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 Chapter 58 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
 2 ing out section 25A as most recently amended by chapter 52
 3 of the acts of 1973, and inserting the following section: —
 4 *Section 25A.* Annually on or before March first, the commis-
 5 sion shall ascertain and determine the total amount due each
 6 city and town under sections eighteen A, eighteen B, and
 7 twenty-five B and section ten of chapter one hundred twenty-
 8 one A, and any other programs requiring the commonwealth's
 9 share of local reimbursement by law. The commission shall
 10 notify the assessors of each city and town of the total amount
 11 due said city or town, the amount appropriated by the General
 12 Court for this purpose, the balance due to each city and town
 13 for that year, and the outstanding obligations for the prior
 14 year under said sections eighteen A, eighteen B, eighteen C
 15 and twenty-five B and section ten of chapter one hundred
 16 twenty-one A, and for any other programs requiring reim-
 17 bursement by the commonwealth. Upon notification to the
 18 assessors of each city and town or by other appropriate docu-
 19 ment, the commission shall also list the obligations individual-
 20 ly due under each state authorized program which provides
 21 for reimbursement for the current and previous year. The
 22 commission shall also notify the assessors of each city and
 23 town of the total amount of outstanding obligations for the
 24 current and the previous year.

