

By Mr. Ciccarelli of Watertown, petition of Salvatore Ciccarelli that retail trade reporting agencies be required to disclose certain information concerning retail trade businesses. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING RETAIL TRADE REPORTING AGENCIES TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING RETAIL TRADE BUSINESSES.

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 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 49 the following section: —

3 *Section 49A.* Every retail trade reporting agency which discloses
4 to any third person information concerning a business engaged in
5 retail trade shall, upon request of such business, disclose to it the
6 nature, contents and substance of such information contained in
7 its files at the time of the request. Whoever fails to comply with the
8 provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more
9 than one hundred dollars, and shall be deemed to have committed
10 an unfair or deceptive act or practice prohibited by chapter ninety-
11 three A.

12 For the purposes of this section retail trade reporting agency
13 shall mean any person, firm, association or corporation which for
14 monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative non-profit basis, regularly
15 engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or
16 evaluating credit or other information on a business engaged in
17 retail trade for the purpose of furnishing reports on such business
18 to third parties.

