

HOUSE No. 5979

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 5, 1982.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Order (filed by Mr. Lombardi of Cambridge) relative to directing the Legislative Research Council to make an investigation and study of the constitutional and legal distinction between "user fees and charges" and fees and charges which are taxes (House, No. 5979), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committees,

GEORGE KEVERIAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

Ordered, That the Legislative Research Council be authorized and directed to make a study and investigation relative to constitutional and legal distinctions between "user fees and charges" and fees and charges which are in fact taxes, and of the practices of Congress and of the legislatures of Massachusetts and other states in controlling the fixing of such fees and charges by state and local government executive branch agencies and other governmental entities; and that said Council shall file its statistical and factual report hereunder with the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than the first Wednesday in February in the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three.