

HOUSE No. 3667

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By Mr. Ames of Easton, petition relative to the imposition of a tax on any motor vehicles whose fuel economy is under fifteen miles per gallon. Taxation.

Petition signed by:

John S. Ames III

David J. Lane

Nils L. Nordberg

Barbara E. Gray

Francis W. Hatch, Jr.

Ann C. Gannett

Norris W. Harris

Jonathan L. Healy

William G. Robinson

Edward M. Dickson

Peter L. Masnik

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FUEL ECONOMY OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 60A of the General Laws is hereby amended in
2 section 1 by adding at the end of the first sentence thereof the
3 following new clause: provided further however that private
4 passenger motor vehicles of model years 1975 to 1977 inclusive
5 shall be assessed at a rate not to exceed seventy-eight dollars per
6 thousand valuation unless the fuel economy of that particular
7 model is at least fifteen miles per gallon; all private passenger
8 motor vehicles of model years 1978 and 1979 shall be assessed at
9 a rate not to exceed seventy-eight dollars per thousand valuation
10 unless the fuel economy of that particular model is at least
11 eighteen miles per gallon; and all private passenger motor vehicles
12 of model year 1980 and after shall be assessed at a rate not to
13 exceed seventy-eight dollars per thousand valuation unless the
14 fuel economy of that particular model is at least twenty miles per
15 gallon.

16 For purposes of this act all fuel economy data shall be
17 obtained from the most recent fuel economy tests of the United
18 States Government Environmental Protection Agency.