

HOUSE No. 6159

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SPECIAL REPORT

of the

COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

Relative to

EXTENDING THE

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE'S AUTHORITY

TO COLLECT CERTAIN TAXES.

(Under authority of Section 4 of Chapter 7
of the General Laws).

October 26, 1987

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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October 26, 1987

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, I am submitting herewith for your consideration "An Act Extending the Commissioner of Revenue's Authority to collect Certain Taxes."

Under the Revenue Enforcement and Protection Act (REAP), the Commissioner of Revenue was granted the authority to hire private corporations to provide nationwide collection services to collect unpaid state taxes under 1983 Massachusetts Statutes, Chapter 233, Section 99. It was extended for a further two-year period under Massachusetts Statutes of 1985, Chapter 593, Section 41. Such authority will expire as of January 1, 1988.

The accompanying legislation would extend the Commissioner's authority to hire outside collection agencies for another two-year period to end January 1, 1990.

The use of collection agencies to assist the Department of Revenue in collecting delinquent taxes has been quite successful. In the three years that this program has been operational, the Commonwealth has collected \$4.1 million that would otherwise have remained uncollected.

I respectfully request your timely and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,


Frank T. Keefe
Secretary of Administration

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE'S AUTHORITY TO COLLECT CERTAIN TAXES.

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 99 of chapter 233 of the acts of 1983, as amended by
2 section 41 of chapter 593 of the acts of 1985, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The provisions of this section shall become inoperative on
6 January first, nineteen hundred and ninety.

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