

By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray that provision be made for sanctions against vendors providing services to the Commonwealth who submit bills for previously compensated services. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING SANCTIONS AGAINST VENDORS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE COMMONWEALTH WHO SUBMIT BILLS FOR PREVIOUSLY COMPENSATED SERVICES.

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 18 of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "comptroller" in line 4 the following: — ; provided that
4 any vendor or service provider under contract to the Common-
5 wealth or any department, board, commission, or other agency
6 acting on its behalf which presents an invoice for items or services
7 for which the provider has previously been compensated more
8 than 30 days prior, shall be subject to a fine of 10 percent of the
9 contract agreement for said items or services for the first and
10 second offense, and fifty percent of the contract agreement for
11 said items or services for any subsequent offense.

