

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE TAX COMMISSION

RELATIVE TO

THE IMPOSITION OF A HIGHWAY USE TAX  
AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENTRY OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH INTO AN INTERSTATE  
COMPACT ON BUS TAX PRORATION

Under Chapter 45 of the Resolves of 1964.

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January, 1965

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CHAP. 45 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE IMPOSITION OF A HIGHWAY USE TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENTRY OF THE COMMONWEALTH INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT ON BUS TAX PRORATION.

*Resolved*, That the state tax commission is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of the subject matter of current senate document numbered 503, to impose a highway use tax, and of current senate document numbered 513 and current house document numbered 663, providing for the entry of the commonwealth into an interstate compact on bus taxation proration. Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or before the fourth Wednesday of December in the current year.

*Approved April 30, 1964.*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

Chapter 45 of the Resolves of 1964 directs the State Tax Commission to make an investigation and study of the subject matter of senate and house documents relative to imposing a highway use tax and providing for the entry of the commonwealth into an interstate compact on bus tax proration.

This Resolve further directs the State Tax Commission to submit its report on this matter to the clerk of the Senate on or before the fourth Wednesday of December, 1964.

We have only been able to assign one employee to devote part of his time to this investigation and study and because of this reason and the reasons listed below, we respectfully request an extension of time within which to submit our report on these matters. Legislation to extend the reporting time of this study until the last Wednesday of December, 1965, is attached.

Relative to the Highway Use Tax, we consider one of the important areas to be the relationship of the administrative expenses, including the equipment installation costs, to the estimated revenue. Obtaining, interpreting, and evaluating information from other states and other sources for these statistics is both complex and time consuming and because of the significance of such tax, we wish our report to be as definitive as possible.

Similarly, an interstate compact on bus tax proration requires the gathering of extensive statistical reports particularly as to interstate and intrastate activities, location of terminals and refueling complexes, highway and passenger usage within and without the Commonwealth, and the "home state" locations of the various companies involved. To provide protection to the Massachusetts companies involved, foreign companies doing business in Massachusetts, and the Commonwealth's revenue requires our report to be as extensive as possible.

Also, we require additional time to assess the effect of such a proposed compact on the commonwealth and its cities and towns under the provisions of Chapter 563 of the Acts of 1964, which established the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully request your favorable consideration of the attached Resolve continuing this investigation and study.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

LEO E. DIEHL, *Chairman*

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

RESOLVE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE IMPOSITION OF A HIGHWAY USE TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENTRY OF THE COMMONWEALTH INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT ON BUS PRORATION.

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2 ized and directed to continue its investigation and study rela-  
3 tive to the imposition of a highway use tax and providing for  
4 the entry of the commonwealth into an interstate compact  
5 on bus tax proration as provided by chapter forty-five of the  
6 resolves of nineteen hundred and sixty-four. Said commission  
7 shall report to the general court the results of its investiga-  
8 tion and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with  
9 drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations  
10 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on  
11 or before the last Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred  
12 and sixty-five.





