

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Joseph B. Walsh for the imposition of a tax on certain public utilities and the use thereof for financing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A TAX ON CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AT THE RATE OF ONE PER CENT OF THEIR GROSS RECEIPTS EARNED WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL RELIEF TO THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

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 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2C the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 2D.* There shall be established and set up on the
5 books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as
6 the Mass Transportation Aid Fund. Revenues credited to this
7 fund shall be used solely for state assistance to the Massa-
8 chusetts Bay Transportation Authority to cover a portion of
9 the cost of service.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 58 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 18A the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 18B.* On or before November twentieth of each
5 year, the Mass Transportation Aid Fund shall be distributed
6 by the state treasurer according to the same formula provided
7 by section twenty-five B.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 63 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 52A the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 52B.* All gas, water, electric, telephone or telegraph
5 companies doing business within the commonwealth shall
6 pay annually a tax of one per cent of their gross receipts
7 earned on sales or services furnished within the common-
8 wealth. All revenues derived from the foregoing shall be
9 credited to the Mass Transportation Aid Fund as established
10 by section two D of chapter twenty-nine.