

By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Hull be authorized to require the payment of local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments and any other municipal charges prior to the issuance of any licenses. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARGES AND THE
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES IN THE TOWN OF HULL.

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. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
2 following special licensing procedure shall be effective in the Town
3 of Hull.
- 4 a. All licenses, including renewals and transfers, issued by any
5 board, officer, department or commission in the Town of Hull
6 shall be subject to the requirement that all local taxes, fees, assess-
7 ments, betterments and any other municipal charges relating to
8 said business then due or outstanding be paid before the license is
9 deemed approved and issued.
- 10 b. A failure to have paid any such charge due or outstanding
11 shall be sufficient and proper grounds for rejecting said applica-
12 tion.
- 13 c. No action as described above shall occur relative to a renewal
14 unless they shall have first been given a public hearing on same,
15 with at least ten days notice.
- 16 d. Notwithstanding the above, the licensee-applicant and the
17 license issuing authority may enter into a payment agreement with
18 the Treasurer-Collector in which event the license shall be deemed
19 approved and valid. The validity of said license shall be con-

20 ditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement.

21 e. A failure to comply with any term or condition of the license,
22 the payment agreement or a violation of any law shall be grounds
23 for the suspension or revocation of said license, after a public
24 hearing with reasonable notice to the licensee.

25 f. No license, including renewals and transfers, shall be deemed
26 approved and issued for an activity to be conducted in a building
27 or on property on which there are outstanding local taxes, fes,
28 assessments, betterments and any other municipal charges until
29 such charges are paid or until a payment agreement as described
30 above is entered into between the property owner, the license
31 issuing authority and the Treasurer-Collector.

32 g. Any payment agreement entered into through a clause from
33 above may provide that a failure to comply with the agreement
34 may be grounds to revoke or suspend said license at a public
35 hearing after reasonable notice of said hearing to the building
36 owner and the license holder. Said agreement may also contain
37 provisions for an assignment of all or a portion of the rents from
38 the tenants if paid, provided however the lesser shall remain fully
39 liable for its obligations under the lease and no liability shall be
40 imposed upon the Town from any such agreement.

41 h. The revocation or suspension of the license and the provi-
42 sions in this act relating to a payment agreement in clause g above
43 may be waived if the applicable licensing authority is satisfied that
44 there is no direct or indirect business interest by the owner of the
45 property (or its officers and stockholders) or members of their
46 immediate family as that term is used in M.G.L.C. 268A, Section 1,
47 in the licensed business.

48 i. Nothing contained herein shall affect the licensing obliga-
49 tions, duties and rights of any other licensing authority or the
50 obligation of the licensee or property owner to comply with all
51 applicable laws, rules and regulations.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.