

By Mr. Casey of Winchester (by request), petition of David Jordan Wilson for legislation to establish a transportation improvements trust fund to be administered by the Department of Revenue Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There shall be established by the Massachusetts Department of
2 Revenue a trust fund that shall be called "The Transportation
3 Improvements Trust Fund". All receipts from parking fees and
4 related fines shall be deposited in this fund.

5 The moneys shall be deposited in accounts that bear interest.

6 The funds shall be disbursed as follows:

7 a. A proportion up to a maximum of ten percent will be
8 allocated for the costs of collection of the fees. These costs may
9 include the costs of new parking-meter systems, of vehicles and
10 fee-collection and monitoring personnel. A reporting system shall
11 also be devised whereby the monthly inflow and outflow of funds
12 shall be communicated to the cities and towns, to the legislature,
13 to the executive, and to the public. Prominent accounting firms
14 (changing each year) shall be retained to give a full annual
15 accounting of the movement of the funds.

16 b. Fifteen percent of the funds will be allocated to the
17 Massachusetts Department of Transportation for use in
18 transportation improvements.

19 c. The remainder of the funds, including accrued interest,
20 amounting to at least seventy-five percent of the gross receipts,
21 will be allocated to treasury departments of the cities and towns
22 where the fees were collected for use in transportation
23 improvements.

24 The term "transportation improvements" is not intended to be
25 restrictive. However, it is the general intent of this legislation that
26 support be given to improvements in non-automobile transpor-
27 tation, including pedestrian movement, human-powered-vehicle
28 movement (e.g., bicycles), and various forms of public transit.