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By Mr. Vigneau of Burlington, petition of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association, Robert A. Vigneau and Salvatore Ciccarelli relative to the responsibilities of treasurers of cities and towns. Local Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT AMENDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TREASURERS.

*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. Amend Section 35 of Chapter 41 to include the  
2 following after the sentence reading "No other person shall pay any  
3 bill of any department". He shall have authority to refuse to pay  
4 any claim which appears on the warrant presented to him for  
5 payment, if he considers such bill or claim to be fraudulent, unlaw-  
6 ful or excessive, and in such case he shall file with the Board of  
7 Selectmen, Mayor, Manager, Department Head and person being  
8 paid, a statement explaining his refusal to pay. Copy of same shall  
9 be filed with the City Solicitor or Town Counsel and the City or  
10 Town Accountant. Such payment shall remain unpaid pending  
11 ruling of City Solicitor or Town Counsel. After the last sentence  
12 add the following: He or she shall have sole authority to negotiate  
13 for the sale of the notes and bonds of a city or town he or she  
14 represents, as authorized in accordance with the general laws in  
15 such a manner as to obtain the lowest cost reasonably available,  
16 not withstanding any general or special law to the contrary.

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