

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3754

By Mr. Cohen of Andover (by request), petition of Karl Haartz for the imposition of a tax on non-returnable containers, the proceeds derived therefrom to be used by cities and towns to defray the cost of collection of litter. Taxation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE BALANCED PARTICIPATION IN THE COSTS OF REMOVING LITTER FROM PUBLIC PLACES AND WAYS.

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

- 1 Starting July One, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five, a
- 2 tax, in the amount of two cents, shall be levied upon each non-
- 3 returnable container made of glass, plastic or other material and
- 4 which is used in the Commonwealth. The sums so collected shall
- 5 be used to reimburse Commonwealth, Cities and Towns for
- 6 some of the costs incurred for collection and disposition of litter
- 7 caused by the use of these containers.
- 8 Such sums of tax money that may be left after payment for
- 9 this function, if any and on a yearly basis, shall be paid into the
- 10 Commonwealth's Highway Fund as a form of reimbursement,
- 11 collectively, to automobile owners for damage done to tires due
- 12 to the presence of this kind of litter on traveled ways.

