

SENATE No. 1251

By Mr. Lamson, a petition of Fred Lamson for legislation to require the furnishing of probable cost of bills favorably reported by committees in the legislature. Ways and Means (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE FURNISHING OF PROBABLE COST OF BILLS
FAVORABLY REPORTED BY COMMITTEES IN THE LEGISLATURE.

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

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 23 the following section: —

3 *Section 23A.* If any bill which, for its effectuation, would
4 require increased appropriations by the commonwealth or
5 any political subdivision thereof, is reported favorably by a
6 committee, whether on an original reference or on a recom-
7 mittal, unless there shall be attached thereto, or printed in the
8 calendar on each day such bill is listed therein, an estimate of
9 the probable amount of such appropriation increase for the
10 ensuing fiscal year and at least five succeeding fiscal years,
11 or, in the alternative, a statement explaining why a reason-
12 able estimate cannot be made.

