

By Mr. Grenier of Spencer, petition of Henry R. Grenier relative to requiring full disclosure of the amounts owed by the Commonwealth to the cities and towns. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE AMOUNTS OWED BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 58 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 25A, as most recently amended by chapter 52 of the acts
3 of 1973, and inserting the following section: —

4 *Section 25A.* Annually on or before March first, the commis-
5 sion shall ascertain and determine the total amount due each city
6 and town under sections eighteen A, eighteen B, and twenty-five B
7 and section ten of chapter one hundred twenty-one A, and any
8 other programs requiring the commonwealth's share of local reim-
9 bursement by law. The commission shall notify the assessors of
10 each city and town of the total amount due said city or town, the
11 amount appropriated by the General Court for this purpose, the
12 balance due to each city and town for that year, and the outstand-
13 ing obligations for the prior year under said sections eighteen A,
14 eighteen B, eighteen C and twenty-five B and section ten of chapter
15 one hundred twenty-one A, and for any other programs requiring
16 reimbursement by the commonwealth. Upon notification to the
17 assessors of each city and town or by other appropriate document,
18 the commission shall also list the obligations individually due
19 under each state authorized program which provides for reimbur-
20 sement for the current and previous year. The commission shall
21 also notify the assessors of each city and town of the total amount
22 of outstanding obligations for the current and the previous year.

