

SENATE No. 1570

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1570) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr, Mary Jane Simmons, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to require legislative approval for all fees established by the Secretary of Administration and Finance. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

**AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR ALL FEES ESTABLISHED
BY THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION.**

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 3B of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end
3 thereof the following paragraph: —

4 Notice of said increase or decrease or establishment of a new
5 fee or charge, whether or not such fee or charge is provided for in
6 this section, shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house
7 of representatives, who shall refer such notice to their respective
8 committees on ways and means. Said secretary shall not increase
9 or decrease any existing fee or charge or establish any new fee or
10 charge unless the general court has approved a resolution
11 approving said proposed action within the next sixty calendar
12 days after said notice has been referred to such committees, the
13 general court not having prorogued or dissolved within such sixty
14 days. Said secretary shall annually, on or before the last Monday
15 in October, file with the house and senate committees on ways and
16 means a report detailing the total amount of revenue received
17 from each of said fees and charges, a separate list of fees or
18 charges increased or lowered during the fiscal year and the
19 amount of revenue gained or lost therefrom, and any recommen-
20 dations that the said secretary may choose to make regarding this
21 source of non-tax revenue and its operation and as provided by the
22 second paragraph of this section.

