

By Mr. Hedlund (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1179) of Irving Murstein for legislation to provide quarterly comprehensive city or town billing statements. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR QUARTERLY COMPREHENSIVE CITY OR TOWN BILLING STATEMENTS.

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. Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 4I the following section:—

4 Section 4J. Any city or town which accepts this section shall
5 issue no more than 3 quarterly comprehensive tax bills which
6 shall coincide with the regular dates for quarterly issuance of real
7 estate bills and shall include those billing amounts on a single
8 itemized billing statement. The quarterly itemized billing state-
9 ment shall include on it the periodic water and sewer charges if
10 the city or town issues such bills, and it shall also include on it the
11 once annual auto excise bill charges. Any annual trash fees shall
12 be included on the quarterly itemized billing statement annually.
13 Credits for payments shall also be included on the quarterly item-
14 ized billing statement on subsequent statements showing balances
15 on accounts. Any other fees imposed on the taxpayer by the city
16 or town shall be included on this same billing manner.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective on acceptance by
2 any city or town after a 9 month period.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to you regarding the [Topic].

The information provided is as follows:

1. [Point 1]

2. [Point 2]

3. [Point 3]

4. [Point 4]

5. [Point 5]

Yours faithfully,