

By Mr. Barrett of Reading, petition of Michael J. Barrett, other members of the General Court and others relative to the transportation of nuclear materials. Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 69S the following section:—

3 *Section 69T.* No person shall transport any radioactive
4 material through any city or town until: (a) the legislative body of
5 the municipality has approved such action, (b) the department of
6 public health has certified that safety standards and procedures
7 relating to the transportation of radioactive material have been
8 met, (c) said department has been notified of any proposal to
9 transport radioactive material, and has the option to order route
10 changes or time and date of travel in order to avoid traffic
11 congestion, highway construction, populated areas, weather
12 conditions, fire, riot, civil unrest and the like. The department of
13 public utilities shall assess reasonable taxes or user charges against
14 the operators of nuclear power installations and radioactive
15 material processing facilities. Such funds shall be used to defray
16 the costs of additional state and local functions necessitated by the
17 requirement of adequate measures to protect the health and safety
18 of the public.

19 Levied taxes or user charges shall be borne by the utility
20 company or radioactive material processing facility, and shall be
21 prohibited from inclusion in the cost of service, operating expenses
22 or any consumer-sponsored charges whatsoever.

