

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of Theodore D. Mann, Susan D. Schur, David B. Cohen and Jack H. Backman for legislation to limit annual assessments upon cities and towns by all governmental bodies. Taxation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO LIMIT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS UPON CITIES AND TOWNS BY ALL GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

*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 59 is hereby further amended by striking out Section  
2 20A, inserted by Section 12 of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 20A. No county, district, including the metropolitan  
5 district commission, public authority, the commonwealth or other  
6 governmental entity authorized by law to assess costs, charges or  
7 fees upon cities or towns, except regional school districts, may  
8 increase the total such costs, charges or fees with respect to any city  
9 or town in any fiscal year by more than [four percent] two and  
10 one-half per cent over the total of such costs, charges or fees for  
11 such city or town for the preceding fiscal year. No city, town,  
12 county, district, public authority, the commonwealth or other  
13 governmental entity shall make any charge or impose any fee for  
14 goods provided or services rendered in excess of the cost of  
15 furnishing such goods or providing such services.

NOTE: Underlining indicates new material to be added to the law.

