

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra relative to the transportation of radioactive materials. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 persons shall transport any radioactive mate-
4 rial through any city or town until: (a) the legislative body of the
5 municipality has approved such action, (b) the department of
6 public health has certified that safety standards and procedures
7 relating to the transportaiton 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 conges-
11 tion, highway construction, populated areas, weather conditions,
12 fire, riot, civil unrest and the like. The department of public utilities
13 shall assess reasonable taxes or user charges against the operators
14 of nuclear power installations and radioactive material processing
15 facilities. Such funds shall be used to defray the costs of additional
16 state and local functions necessitated by the requirement of ade-
17 quate measures to protect the health and safety of the public.

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

