

HOUSE No. 2689

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to regulate mandates imposed on cities and towns by agencies of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT REGARDING STATE MANDATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary no
- 2 agency or department of state government shall require any local
- 3 governmental entity to take any action, no matter what the
- 4 circumstances or condition necessitating such action, unless such
- 5 agency or department has given a realistic estimate of the financial
- 6 obligation entailed in such mandated action and has specifically
- 7 stated that such required action will be paid for by revenues from
- 8 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 9 Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary any
- 10 existing action imposed on any city or town in Massachusetts by
- 11 any agency or department of state government is hereby rescinded
- 12 unless revenues from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are
- 13 specifically dedicated to fully pay for such action.

