

By Mr. Kirby, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1280) of Edward P. Kirby and Peter C. Webber for legislation to establish in the State Treasury a separate fund to be known as the Massachusetts Tourism Fund. Taxation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 35I the following section: —

3 Section 35J. There is hereby established and set up on the  
4 books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the  
5 Massachusetts Tourism Fund into which shall be deposited thirty-  
6 five percent of the revenues received from the tax imposed by  
7 section three of chapter sixty-four G. Moneys in said fund shall  
8 be applied subject to appropriation by the general court as follows:

9 (a) Fifty-five percent to the Office of Travel and Tourism for  
10 tourism, promotion programs;

11 (b) twenty-two percent to the Massachusetts Convention  
12 Center Authority established under the provisions of chapter one  
13 hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-  
14 two for operating expenses in excess of income from convention  
15 activities;

16 (c) twenty percent for financial assistance to tourist promotion  
17 agencies under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter  
18 twenty-three A;

19 (d) three percent for the construction and operation of visitor  
20 information centers on primary highways by the Office of Travel  
21 and Tourism, Department of Public Works, Massachusetts  
22 Turnpike Authority, or private non-profit entities.

23 The state treasurer shall deposit the fund in accordance with  
24 the provisions of sections thirty-four and thirty-four A of chapter  
25 twenty-nine in such a manner as will secure the highest interest  
26 rate available consistent with the safety of the fund and with the  
27 requirement that all amounts on deposit be available for  
28 immediate withdrawal at any time. The fund shall be expended  
29 only for the purposes stated above.