

HOUSE No. 02690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring greater disclosure by travel agents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

10th Hampden

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2690) of Swan and Coakley-Rivera relative to requiring greater disclosure by travel agents Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act requiring greater disclosure by travel agents.

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 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 2 adding the following section:-
- 3 Section 115. No seller of travel services may accept any payment in any form, either directly or
- 4 indirectly, from a consumer, including but not limited to payment by cash, check, money order,
- 5 credit card, debit card, charge card, or authorization for electronic funds transfer or credit card
- 6 charge, unless and until the seller of travel services has provided the consumer, either directly or
- 7 through another seller of travel services, with a written, itemized description of any commissions
- 8 payable to the seller of travel services by any third party on account of the sale to the consumer.
- 9 Failure to provide said written, itemized description of any commission shall constitute an unfair
- 10 or deceptive act under chapter 93A.