

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1748**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to taxes and fee transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1748) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to taxes and fee transparency. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to taxes and fee transparency.

*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 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 38B½. The committee on ways and means of each branch of the general court  
4 shall conduct no less than 3 public hearings on bills referred to them that purport to establish,  
5 increase or expand any new or existing taxes or fees. The committees shall give 14 days' public  
6 notice prior to holding such public hearings. Each meeting shall be conducted in different cities  
7 in three distinct geographical regions of the commonwealth. One meeting shall be conducted in  
8 the City of Boston, one in the City of Worcester, and one in the City of Springfield.