

HOUSE No. 5254

By Mr. Healy of Charlemont, petition of Jonathan L. Healy that provision be made for the payment of interest on return of bail deposits. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON RETURN OF BAIL DEPOSITS.

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 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 65 the following section:—

3 *Section 65A.* A person charged with the commission of a crime
4 who has been released on bail and has deposited with the court or
5 clerk money, bonds, or a properly assigned bank book equal in
6 value to the amount of the bail shall, upon fulfillment of the
7 conditions of the recognizance, be entitled to a return of such
8 money or bond, with interest at a reasonable rate to be determined
9 by the chief administrative justice of the trial court.

