

HOUSE No. 474

By Mr. Ramsdell of Winchester, petition of William E. Ramsdell that towns be authorized to appropriate money for insurance policies to protect treasurers and collectors from loss of money for which they are accountable. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT TO ENABLE TOWNS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR INSURANCE POLICIES TO PROTECT TREASURERS AND COLLECTORS FROM LOSS OF MONEY FOR WHICH THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE.

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

1 Clause (1) of section five of chapter forty of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter
3 one hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and thirty-five, is hereby further amended
5 by inserting after the word "officer" in the second
6 line the following:— to pay a proper charge of an
7 insurance company for insurance protecting a town
8 treasurer or a town collector of taxes upon loss of
9 money for which he is accountable to the town by
10 destruction, forcible taking, theft, or in any other
11 manner, without default or connivance on his part, —
12 so as to read as follows:— To pay a proper charge
13 of an insurance company for acting as surety on the

14 official bond of any town officer, to pay a proper
15 charge of an insurance company for insurance pro-
16 tecting a town treasurer or a town collector of taxes
17 upon loss of money for which he is accountable to
18 the town by destruction, forcible taking, theft, or in
19 any other manner, without default or connivance on
20 his part, or to pay a proper charge for effecting insur-
21 ance providing indemnity for or protection to any
22 officer or employee of the town against loss by reason
23 of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily
24 injuries, including death at any time resulting there-
25 from, or for damage to property, caused by the opera-
26 tion, within the scope of his official duties or employ-
27 ment, of motor or other vehicles owned by the town,
28 to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars on
29 account of injury to or death of one person, and not
30 exceeding one thousand dollars on account of damage
31 to property, or to pay a proper charge for effecting
32 insurance providing indemnity for or protection to
33 any of the officers or employees of the town named
34 in section one hundred of chapter forty-one against
35 loss by reason of any expenses or damages within
36 the provisions of the said section.