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By Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield, petition of Sidney Q. Curtiss for legislation to increase the amount of money which may be appropriated by a town for providing indemnity insurance for town treasurers, collectors of taxes and other town officers or employees. Municipal Finance.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

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AN ACT INCREASING THE COVERAGE OF INDEMNITY INSURANCE IN TOWNS.

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

1 The General Laws are hereby amended in chapter 40, sec-  
2 tion 5, clause (1), by striking out in the first paragraph the word  
3 "twenty-five," and inserting in place thereof the word:—  
4 fifty, — and by inserting between the words "hundred" and  
5 "thousand" in the same sentence the words:— and fifty, —  
6 so that the clause will read as follows:— (1) To pay a proper  
7 charge of an insurance company for acting as surety on the  
8 official bond of any town officer, to pay a proper charge for  
9 effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to a  
10 town treasurer or a town collector of taxes against his liability  
11 for the loss without fault, connivance or neglect on his part,  
12 of money for which he is accountable to the town, or to pay a  
13 proper charge for effecting insurance providing indemnity for  
14 or protection to any officer or employee of the town, or volun-  
15 teer driver of fire apparatus of the town whose service as such  
16 is approved by the selectmen or other responsible officer, against  
17 loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily  
18 injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or  
19 for damage to property, caused by any act of his which is within  
20 the scope of his official duties or employment, including the op-  
21 eration of any motor or other vehicle, equipment or vessel  
22 owned or leased by the town, to an amount not exceeding fifty

23 thousand dollars on account of injury to or death to one person,  
24 or not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any  
25 one accident, and not exceeding five thousand dollars on ac-  
26 count of damage to property; or to pay a proper charge for  
27 effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to  
28 any of the officers or employees of the town, or to any member  
29 of a volunteer fire company in a town whose service as such is  
30 approved by the board of selectmen of such town, named in  
31 section one hundred of chapter forty-one against loss by rea-  
32 son of any expenses or damages within the provisions of said  
33 section, or to pay a proper charge to prevent loss by reason of  
34 destruction or damage of buildings or personal property by fire  
35 or other causes normally covered by fire insurance policies is-  
36 sued in the commonwealth, or to pay a proper charge for  
37 effecting insurance to cover the town's liability to pay work-  
38 men's compensation, or, if the town has elected to establish  
39 and maintain an insurance fund to pay workmen's compensa-  
40 tion under section thirteen A of this chapter, or if the town has  
41 determined otherwise to pay such workmen's compensation di-  
42 rect, to pay a proper charge for aggregate excess or single acci-  
43 dent reinsurance to protect the town from extraordinary work-  
44 men's compensation losses; or to pay a proper charge for  
45 insurance against damage to or loss of any town property, real  
46 or personal, by any cause whatsoever, normally covered by in-  
47 surance policies issued in the commonwealth and not otherwise  
48 provided for herein.