
To accompany the petition of Joseph B. Harrington for legislation to further regulate the law relative to causes for divorce. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LAW RELATIVE TO
CAUSES FOR DIVORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and eight of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sec-
3 tion one, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 1.* A divorce from the bond of matrimony
6 may be decreed provided that the parties thereto have
7 lived apart for three consecutive years next prior to
8 the filing of the libel; provided, that no divorce shall
9 be granted to any person to whom or from whom a
10 divorce has previously been granted whether within
11 or without the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Any provision of sections two to five,
2 inclusive, of chapter two hundred and eight of the
3 General Laws, as amended, or of any other provision
4 of law, inconsistent with section one of chapter two
5 hundred and eight of the General Laws, as appearing
6 in section one of this act, is hereby repealed.

