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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1948.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the twenty-third annual report of the Judicial Council (Pub. Doc. No. 144) as relates to more uniformity in statutes of limitation on actions of tort (pages 39-40), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2010).

For the committee,

GEORGE T. LANIGAN.

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

AN ACT FURTHER LIMITING THE TIME WITHIN WHICH  
ACTIONS OF REPLEVIN, AND CERTAIN ACTIONS OF CON-  
TRACT AND TORT, MAY BE BROUGHT.

*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 260 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out section 2, as appear-  
3 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 2.* Actions of contract, other than those  
6 to recover for personal injuries, founded upon con-  
7 tracts or liabilities, express or implied, except actions  
8 limited by the preceding section or actions upon  
9 judgments or decrees of courts of record of the United  
10 States or of this or any other state of the United  
11 States, shall, except as otherwise provided, be com-  
12 menced only within six years next after the cause of  
13 action accrues.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 260 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after section 2, as amended  
3 by section 1 of this act, the following new section:—

4 *Section 2A.* Excepting as otherwise provided,  
5 actions of tort, actions of contract to recover for  
6 personal injuries, and actions of replevin, shall be

7 commenced only within two years next after the cause  
8 of action accrues.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January  
2 first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and its provi-  
3 sions shall apply only to causes of action accruing  
4 on or after said date.

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