

HOUSE No. 1740

By Mr. O'Keefe of Peabody, petition of Louis F. O'Keefe for legislation relative to liability of innholders for the loss of property. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF INNOLDERS FOR THE LOSS OF PROPERTY.

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 10 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 167 of the acts of 1935, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out, in lines 5 to 7, in-
4 clusive, the words "nor shall such guests recover of
5 an innholder more than three hundred dollars as dam-
6 ages for any such loss;," — so as to read as follows:—
7 *Section 10.* An innholder shall not be liable for losses
8 sustained by a guest except of wearing apparel, articles
9 worn or carried on the person, personal baggage and
10 money necessary for traveling expenses and personal
11 use, but an innholder shall be liable in damages to an
12 amount not exceeding one thousand dollars for the
13 loss of money, jewels and ornaments of a guest spe-
14 cially deposited for safe keeping, or offered to be so
15 deposited, with such innholder, person in charge at

16 the office of the inn, or other agent of such innholder
17 authorized to receive such deposit. This section shall
18 not affect the innholder's liability under any special
19 contract for other property deposited with him for
20 safe keeping after being fully informed of its nature
21 and value, nor increase his liability in case of loss by
22 fire or overwhelming force beyond that specified in
23 the following section.