

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2132

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By Mr. Hinckley of Holden, petition of Paul L. Hinckley for legislation to reduce the interest rate on certain tort verdicts. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INTEREST RATE ON CERTAIN TORT VERDICTS.

*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 6B of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended by chapter 244 of the acts of 1951, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the  
4 words "by the clerk of court", — and by inserting  
5 after the word "interest" in line 5 the words: — of  
6 four per cent, — so as to read as follows: —

7 *Section 6B.* In any action of tort in which a ver-  
8 dict is rendered or a finding made for pecuniary dam-  
9 ages for personal injuries to the plaintiff or for conse-  
10 quential damages, or for damage to property, there  
11 shall be added to the amount of damages interest of  
12 four per cent thereon from the date of the writ, even  
13 though such interest brings the amount of the verdict  
14 or finding beyond the maximum liability imposed by  
15 law.

