

HOUSE No. 1522

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 1931.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to actions for damages for death tried without jury (House, No. 1470), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1522).

For the committee,

A. B. CASSON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Interest on Damages awarded in Actions for Death tried without Jury.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Section eleven of chapter two hundred
2 and twenty-nine of the General Laws is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word "given" in the
4 first line the words: — or a finding made, — by insert-
5 ing after the word "rendered" in the fourth line the
6 words: — or finding made, — and by inserting after
7 the word "verdict" in the sixth line the words: — or
8 finding, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 11.* In
9 any civil action in which a verdict is given or a finding
10 made for pecuniary damages for the death, with or
11 without conscious suffering, of any person, whether or
12 not such person was in the employment of the defend-
13 ant against whom the verdict is rendered or finding
14 made, there shall be added to the amount of the
15 damages interest thereon from the date of the writ,

16 even though such interest brings the amount of the
17 verdict or finding beyond the maximum liability
18 imposed by law.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN, *Clerk.*

