

HOUSE No. 4556

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Richard L. Walsh relative to medical malpractice tribunals. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TRIBUNALS.

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. The second paragraph of section 60B of chapter
2 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 362 of
3 the acts of 1975, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
4 "Association", in line 12, the words: — or the attorney shall be
5 selected by the said single justice at his discretion.

1 SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of said section 60B of said
2 chapter 231, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the
3 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
4 tence: — Each such action for malpractice shall be heard by said
5 tribunal within fifteen days after the expiration of three months
6 after the defendant's answer has been filed to enable the parties to
7 have pre-trial discovery.

