

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4676

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty that provision be made for reimbursing judges for the cost of defending certain allegations of misconduct. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL OR PART OF THE REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED BY A JUDGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF AN ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST HIM BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, A COURT OR OTHER BODY.

*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 2 of chapter 211C of the General Laws is hereby amend-  
2 ed by adding the following paragraph: —

3 The supreme judicial court may, when it determines that justice  
4 will be served thereby, order that a judge be reimbursed by the  
5 commonwealth for all or part of the reasonable costs incurred by  
6 him in connection with the defense of an allegation of misconduct  
7 against him before the commission on judicial conduct, a court or  
8 other body. In making such an order the supreme judicial court  
9 shall consider the nature of the misconduct proven, if any, and such  
10 other factors as it deems appropriate. Such an order shall be  
11 transmitted to the state treasurer and paid forthwith.

By Mr. [Name] of [State], [Title], [Date], [Text]

**The [Title]**

Enacted by the [House] of the [State] on [Date]

Section 1. [Text]

Section 2. [Text]

Section 3. [Text]

Section 4. [Text]

Section 5. [Text]

Section 6. [Text]

Section 7. [Text]