

By Mr. McGee of Lynn, petition of Thomas W. McGee for legislation to increase the liability of innholders for loss of property. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT INCREASING THE LIABILITY OF INNOLDERS FOR 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 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 10, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 10. An innholder shall not be liable for losses sustained
5 by a guest except of wearing apparel, articles worn or carried on
6 the person, personal baggage and money necessary for traveling
7 expenses and personal use, nor shall such guest recover of an
8 innholder more than one thousand dollars as damages for any
9 such loss; but an innholder shall be liable in damages to an amount
10 not exceeding ten thousand dollars for the loss of money, jewels
11 and ornaments of a guest specially deposited for safe keeping, or
12 offered to be so deposited, with such innholder, person in charge
13 at the office of the inn, or other agent of such innholder authorized
14 to receive such deposit. This section shall not affect the innholder's
15 liability under any special contract for other property deposited
16 with him for safe keeping after being fully informed of its nature
17 and value, nor increase his liability in case of loss by fire or
18 overwhelming force beyond that specified in the following section.

