

HOUSE No. 5149

By Mr. Havern of Arlington, petition of Robert A. Havern for legislation to regulate the hiring of family members of certain state officials. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HIRING OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS.

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 271 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 40 the following section: —
- 3 Section 41. No cabinet secretariat, department, division or
- 4 agency of the commonwealth, or a public authority thereof shall
- 5 hire any person who is an immediate family member of any
- 6 constitutional officer or any member or member elect of the
- 7 council or of the general court, or candidate thereof, justice of
- 8 the supreme judicial court, justice of the appeals court, justice of
- 9 the trial court, cabinet secretary, commissioner, deputy
- 10 commissioner or executive director of a public authority. Any
- 11 person violating any provision of this section shall be punished
- 12 by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.
- 13 For the purpose of this section the “immediate family” shall
- 14 mean the son, daughter, brother, sister, mother or father of a
- 15 person.

