

HOUSE No. 5247

By Mr. Bassett of Lynn, petition of Ronald W. Fox and Timothy A. Bassett for legislation to permit one attorney to represent both parties in divorce proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ATTORNEY'S REPRESENTING BOTH PARTIES TO A DIVORCE.

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 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section: —

3 *Section 48.* Whenever a husband and wife have reached an
4 agreement regarding all aspects of an action under this chapter and
5 have used a mediation procedure pursuant to the rules of the
6 probate and family court, one attorney shall be able to represent
7 both parties in a divorce proceeding and such representation shall
8 not be a violation of the canon of ethics of the supreme judicial
9 court.

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