

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5665

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By Ms. Gibson of Belmont, petition of Frederic Hayward and Mary Jane Gibson for legislation to eliminate sexist designations under the law relative to the liability of married persons. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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### AN ACT ELIMINATING SEXIST DESIGNATIONS IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

*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 209, Section 7 ("Liabilities of Married Women") is
- 2 hereby repealed and replaced with the following provision, entitled
- 3 "Liabilities of Married Persons."
- 4 A married person shall not be liable for his/her spouse's debts,
- 5 nor shall his/her property be liable to be taken on an execution
- 6 against him/her. But a married person shall be liable jointly with
- 7 his/her spouse for debts due, to the amount of one hundred dollars
- 8 in each case, for necessities furnished with his/her knowledge or
- 9 consent, to himself/herself or to his/her family, if he/she has
- 10 property to the amount of two thousand dollars or more.

