

HOUSE No. 579

Accompanying the petition of Henry L. Shattuck that employers be prohibited from exempting themselves from liability for certain injuries to employees. Joint Judiciary. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT

To prohibit Employers from exempting themselves from
Liability for Certain Injuries to Employees.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to deprive certain employees of protection previ-
3 ously guaranteed by law and hence to defeat its purpose,
4 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 convenience.

*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 one hundred and forty-nine of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section one
3 hundred and seventy-seven the following new section:—
4 *Section 177A.* No person shall, by a special contract
5 with his employees, exempt himself from liability which
6 he may be under to them for injuries suffered by them
7 in their employment and resulting from the negligence
8 of the employer or of a person in his employ.

