

HOUSE No. 414

By Mr. Ashton of Fall River, petition of Thomas N. Ashton relative to determining court costs in actions at law. The Judiciary (Joint). Jan. 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to determine Court Costs in Actions at Law.

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 two hundred and sixty-one of the General
- 2 Laws is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section
- 3 providing as follows:—
- 4 *Section 29.* The word “cost” or “costs”, as set forth
- 5 in the preceding sections numbered one to twenty-eight
- 6 inclusive, shall mean the amount, or amounts, of moneys
- 7 actually expended by either party to an action, and
- 8 shall not be construed as a means or method of legally
- 9 exacting payment when such expenses have not been
- 10 actually incurred.

