

HOUSE No. 1174

Bill accompanying the petition of John M. Maloney and others for legislation to grant to divorced wives in certain instances right to certain property upon the death of the former husbands. Joint Judiciary. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To preserve the Rights of Divorced Wives to Certain Property in Certain Cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. After a divorce granted upon the libel of
2 the wife for the cause of adultery committed by the hus-
3 band, the wife shall, upon the death of the husband, have
4 the same share or interest she would have if the divorce
5 had not been granted in or to any property, real or per-
6 sonal, devised or bequeathed to him or for his benefit for
7 his lifetime by any will duly probated prior to the time
8 such divorce was granted, if such will provides for the
9 distribution of the remainder or principal of said prop-
10 erty upon the death of the husband among the persons

11 who would, if said remainder or principal were the abso-
12 lute property of the husband, be entitled thereto by the
13 laws of the commonwealth regulating the distribution of
14 property not lawfully disposed of by will.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.