

# HOUSE . . . . No. 369

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Bill accompanying the petition of John F. Duffy for legislation relative to the collection of attorneys' fees. Joint Judiciary. January 13.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Attachment of Wages for Attorneys' Fees.

*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. Section twenty-seven of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and eighty-nine of the Revised Laws is hereby  
3 amended by adding after the word "necessaries", at the  
4 end of the second line, the words:— or for a debt or  
5 claim due an attorney-at-law for services rendered; and  
6 in the sixth line of said section by adding after the word  
7 "necessaries" the words:— or for a debt or claim due  
8 an attorney-at-law for services rendered, — so as to read  
9 as follows:— *Section 27.* If wages for the personal  
10 labor and services of a defendant are attached for a debt  
11 or claim, other than for necessaries, or for a debt or  
12 claim due an attorney-at-law for services rendered, which  
13 have been furnished to him or his family, an amount

14 not exceeding twenty dollars shall be reserved in the  
15 hands of the trustee and shall be exempt from such at-  
16 tachment. If such wages are attached on a claim for  
17 such necessities, or for a debt or claim due an attorney-  
18 at-law for services rendered and the writ contains a state-  
19 ment to that effect, an amount not exceeding ten dollars  
20 shall be so reserved; but if the writ contains no such  
21 statement, an amount not exceeding twenty dollars shall  
22 be so reserved.

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