

By Mr. Woods of Franklin, petition of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, Inc., George L. Woods, Jr., Henry R. Grenier and Robert A. Vigneau that provision be made for immunity for the defense of one's persons and property. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF ONE'S PERSON AND PROPERTY.

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. Chapter 235 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 4 the following section: —

3 *Section 4A.* Immunity from Civil Prosecution For Defense
4 of Person and Property.

5 No person shall be liable for civil damages for acts taken in
6 defense of himself, a member of his family or protection of his
7 property provided the force used has been reasonable and
8 without malice.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter Two Hundred Sixty-Three of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section Nine
3 the following Section: —

4 *Section 10.* Immunity from Criminal Prosecution For De-
5 fense of Person and Property.

6 No person shall be subject to criminal prosecution for action
7 taken in defense of himself, a member of his family or protection
8 of his property provided the force used has been reasonable and
9 without malice.

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