

HOUSE No. 555

By Mr. Saggese of Winthrop, petition of Alfred E. Saggese, Jr., relative to authorizing justices of the peace to admit persons to bail in criminal matters. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE TO ADMIT INDIVIDUALS TO BAIL IN CRIMINAL MATTERS.

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 222 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 1, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and insert-
3 ing in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 1. Justices of the peace and notaries public shall be
5 appointed, and their commission shall be issued, for the common-
6 wealth, and they shall have jurisdiction throughout the common-
7 wealth when acting under the sole authority of such a commission.
8 Unless otherwise expressly provided they may administer oaths or
9 affirmations in all cases in which an oath or affirmation is
10 required, take acknowledgements of deeds and other instruments,
11 and admit individuals to bail in criminal matters.

