

By Mr. Ruane of Salem, petition of J. Michael Ruane and others that the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination be required to adhere to all rules of evidence when hearing certain discrimination cases. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL DISCRIMINATION CASES HEARD BY THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BE DONE SO ADHERING TO THE RULES OF EVIDENCE.

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 151B is amended by adding the following:
- 2 The Commission shall work under and in compliance with all
- 3 laws of this commonwealth. No person, partnership, corporation
- 4 shall be required to prove their innocence. The commission will
- 5 follow court procedure and be subject to the rules of evidence and
- 6 the rules of civil procedure. The party being complained against
- 7 shall have the right to cross-examine the complainant, engage in
- 8 discovery against the complainant and the Commission.

