

HOUSE No. 2899

By Mr. DeFilippi of West Springfield, petition of Walter A. DeFilippi and others for legislation to require discrimination cases heard by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to be in compliance with certain rules of evidence. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.

By Mr. DeWitt of West Springfield, petition of Walter A. DeWitt and others for legislation to repair discharges from the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in cases in compliance with certain rules of evidence, Committee and I refer.

The Commission of Discrimination

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six

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

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Governor's Council, 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 the Commonwealth, the general partnership corporation
- 4 shall be required to prove their business. 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, except in
- 8 discovery against the complainant and the Commission.