

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 883) of Linda J. Melconian, Martin T. Reilly, Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., and Paul E. Caron and John P. Burke for legislation to ensure that support payments do not exceed after-taxes income. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO ENSURE SUPPORT PAYMENTS NOT EXCEED AFTER TAXES INCOME.

*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 16A of chapter 310 of the Acts of 1986 is hereby amended
- 2 by adding the following language: —
- 3 “No order for child support, spousal support or total financial
- 4 order shall exceed the after-taxes amount that will enable the
- 5 support paying parent the means to reasonably pay for shelter,
- 6 food, clothing, medical expenses and the means to maintain a
- 7 relationship with his or her children.”

