

HOUSE No. 4906

By Mr. Stoddart of Natick, petition of Douglas W. Stoddart relative to sanctions for non-compliance with pretrial discovery orders in criminal court cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SANCTIONS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PRETRIAL DISCOVERY ORDERS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

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 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 47A the following section: —
- 3 Section 47B. Upon failure to comply with any pretrial
- 4 discovery order issued by the court, the court may make such other
- 5 order as it deems just under the circumstances, including but not
- 6 limited to assessment of reasonable attorneys' fees against the
- 7 commonwealth and fines against counsel for the defendant.

