

HOUSE No. 3816

By Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield, petition of Sidney Q. Curtiss for legislation to provide for the use of brackets and italic type on legislative bills. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF BRACKETS AND ITALIC TYPE ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Any bill which amends a provision of the General Laws shall
2 indicate by the use of brackets the old words which would be
3 deleted and by the use of italic type the new words which
4 would be added by the proposed legislation. Where it is pro-
5 posed to completely rewrite an existing section, such existing
6 section shall be set forth enclosed in brackets and the rewritten
7 section, which shall be printed in italic type, shall be set forth
8 following the existing section but the changes need not be
9 further distinguished.

