

HOUSE No. 1400

By Ms. Gibson of Belmont (by request), petition of Charles Tompkins for legislation to authorize actions for damages against producers and publishers of pornographic material. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ALLOWING ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST PRODUCERS AND PUBLISHERS OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law to the con-
2 trary, no contract, written or oral between a publisher or producer
3 of pornographic material and a person who appears in that material
4 shall be honored by our civil courts or is legally binding on either
5 party to said contract. Said pornographic material does not neces-
6 sarily have to be obscene and is evidence of a libelous nature that
7 has caused personal injury to said person.

