

By Mr. Mara of Brockton, petition of Francis G. Mara and another for legislation to increase the tort threshold in damages for pain and suffering in actions arising out of the operation of motor vehicles. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT INCREASING THE TORT THRESHOLD.**

*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 1. Section 6D of Chapter 231 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in Section 5 of Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1970, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the words "five  
4 hundred," and inserting in place thereof the words: — one  
5 thousand.

1 SECTION 2. Section 34M of Chapter 90 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in Section 4 of Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1970, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Amounts deducted from payment in accordance with the provi-  
6 sions of the preceding paragraph shall not have any effect upon the  
7 determination of whether or not the reasonable and necessary  
8 expenses incurred as a result of any injury exceed, or do not  
9 exceed, one thousand dollars, or such other amount as may be  
10 established pursuant to Section Six D of Chapter Two Hundred  
11 and Thirty-One, which determination may affect an injured per-  
12 son's right under said Section Six D.

