

HOUSE No. 6211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1975.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Probation (House, No. 246) as relates to providing for a public official blanket position bond for probation officers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 261), report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6211) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BLANKET POSITION BOND
FOR PROBATION OFFICERS.

*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 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out Section 84 as most recently amended by Chapter 214 of the
3 Acts of 1939 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 The commonwealth shall on behalf of all probation officers,
6 provide a single fidelity bond issued in the name of the
7 commonwealth and each probation officer, which shall cover all
8 probation officers who are appointed to and serving in each
9 office. Such bond in an amount to be fixed by the Superior Court
10 shall be purchased on or before the effective date of this statute,
11 and thereafter, at intervals of not more than one year. The cost of
12 such bond shall be borne proportionally by each county in which
13 each said probation officer is located on the basis of the dollar
14 amount of recognizances upon said bond in each said county.

15 Such bond shall be furnished by a surety company authorized
16 to transact business in the Commonwealth and shall be
17 conditioned on faithful performance of each probation officer's
18 official duties.