

By Mr. Decas of Wareham, petition of Charles N. Decas for legislation to increase the amount of the homestead exemptions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately increase the home-
3 stead exemption, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emer-
4 gency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 convenience.

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 of chapter 188 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the introductory paragraph, as appearing
3 in the 1992 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: —

5 An estate of homestead to the extent of two hundred thousand
6 dollars, per individual owner regardless of whether a declaration
7 of homestead is filed individually or jointly or otherwise with
8 another, in the real estate or manufactured home may be acquired
9 pursuant to this chapter by an owner or owners, regardless of mar-
10 ital status, or one or all who rightfully possess the premises by
11 lease or otherwise and who occupy or intend to occupy the same
12 as a principal residence. Said ownership shall be exempt from the
13 laws of conveyance, descent, devise, attachment, levy on execu-
14 tion and sale for payment of debts or legacies except in the
15 following cases:

