

HOUSE No. 1418

By Mr. Cerasoli of Quincy, petition of Common Cause/
Massachusetts, Robert A. Cerasoli and other members of the
House for legislation to prohibit members of the General Court from
representing clients for a fee before any state agency. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

*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 1 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1969, is
3 hereby amended by inserting after subsection (q) the following
4 new subsection: —

5 (r) "Ministerial action," an action that a person performs in a
6 given state of facts in a prescribed manner in obedience to the
7 mandate of legal authority, without regard to, or the exercise of, a
8 person's own judgment upon the propriety of the action being
9 taken.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 779 of the Acts of 1962, is
3 hereby amended by deleting the fifth paragraph and inserting in
4 place thereof the following: —

5 No member of the General Court shall represent a client for a
6 fee before any state agency. This shall not be construed to
7 prohibit the performance of ministerial actions.

