HOUSE . . . . . No. 2252

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee and Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., relative to raising the initial amount of damages claimed in small claims actions from four hundred dollars or less to seven hundred and fifty dollars or less. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RAISING THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF DAMAGES CLAIMED IN SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS FROM FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OR LESS TO SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS OR LESS.

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

Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 377 of the Acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by striking in the last sentence of said section the following words: — "four hundred dollars or less" — and inserting in place thereof the following words: — seven hundred and fifty dollars or less.