

By Messrs. Robinson of Melrose and Velis of Westfield, petition of Peter A. Velis and other members of the House for legislation to prohibit lawyer-legislators from practicing before state commissions. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING LAWYER-LEGISLATORS FROM PRACTICING BEFORE STATE COMMISSIONS.

*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. Chapter 268A, section 4 is hereby amended by  
2 striking the fifth paragraph beginning with the words: "A  
3 member of the general court..."

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 268A is further amended by inserting  
2 after section 4 the following new section:—

3 *Section 4A.* No member of the general court shall receive  
4 remuneration for the practice of law before any executive  
5 agency, authority, board, or commission of the state provided  
6 however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a  
7 member of the general court with respect to an appearance  
8 before any court of the commonwealth and further shall not  
9 apply to those functions within the practice of law that involve  
10 the filing of documents or contracts with such agency, authority,  
11 board, or commission requiring only ministerial acts on the part  
12 of such agency, authority, board, or commission.

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