

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tisei (by request), joint petition of Sally M. Hoyt relative to fees charged by notaries public. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FEES CHARGED BY NOTARIES PUBLIC.

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 222 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 Section 1 the following new section:—

4 Section 1A. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41 of
5 Chapter 262, the maximum fees that may be charged by a notary
6 public for performing notarial acts are:—

- 7 (a) For acknowledgements, \$25 per signature.
- 8 (b) For oaths or affirmations without a signature, \$25 per person.
- 9 (c) For oaths or affirmations with a signature, \$25 per signature.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out Section 41 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following new section:—

4 Section 41. The fees of notaries public shall be as follows:—

5 For the protest of a bill of exchange, order, draft or check for non-
6 acceptance or non-payment, or of a promissory note for non-pay-
7 ment, if the amount thereof is \$500 or more, \$10; if it is less than
8 \$500, \$7; for recording the same, \$2; for noting the non-acceptance
9 or non-payment of a bill of exchange, order, draft or check or the
10 non-payment of a promissory note, \$10; and for each notice of the
11 non-acceptance or non-payment of a bill, order, draft, check or note,
12 given to a party liable for the payment thereof, \$5; but the whole
13 cost of protest, including necessary notices and the record, if the bill,
14 order, draft, check or note is of the amount of \$500 or more, shall

15 not exceed \$10, and if it is less than \$500, shall not exceed \$7; and
16 the whole cost of noting, including recording and notices, shall in no
17 case exceed \$5.