

# HOUSE....No. 83.

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[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

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### AN ACT

In addition to an Act concerning Devises and Wills by  
Married Women.

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

1    SECT. 1. All the powers and rights conferred by  
2 the seventy-fourth chapter of the acts of the year  
3 one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, upon a  
4 married woman, to devise property holden in her  
5 own right, or separately from her husband, shall ap-  
6 ply to all cases of devise, or bequest, by will, by such  
7 married woman, to or for the benefit of her husband,  
8 in like manner as she now enjoys the right to devise  
9 such property to any other person.

1    SECT. 2.   Where all the devises or bequests, in  
2 such will, are to the husband, or for his benefit sole-  
3 ly, it shall not be necessary to the validity of such  
4 will that the husband shall have expressed his assent  
5 thereto, or have endorsed his approval of the same  
6 thereon.

1    SECT. 3.   This act shall apply to all cases of will  
2 already executed, where the testatrix is still living.

1    SECT. 4.   This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its passage.