

HOUSE No. 1160

By Mr. Stoddart of Natick, petition of Douglas W. Stoddart for legislation to further regulate pretrial discovery in criminal cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PRETRIAL DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

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

- 1 Chapter 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 47A the following section: —
- 3 Section 47B. In all matters of pretrial discovery, each party
- 4 shall respond to the other party's requests in writing and said
- 5 responses shall conform to the moving party's numbered requests.
- 6 The court shall have discretion to limit the number of written
- 7 responses and may consider whether any particular discovery
- 8 request is unduly burdensome to either party before rendering any
- 9 ruling.

By Mr. [Name], Chairman of the Committee on [Name], to accompany the bill for [Name]

The [Name]

In the House of Representatives, [Date]

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AS AMENDED

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

- 1 Chapter 117 of the Statutes at Large, which is entitled
- 2 "An Act to amend the Statutes at Large,"
- 3 Section 117, in the chapter of general laws, shall have
- 4 the effect and be construed in the same manner as if
- 5 the words "and the" were inserted after the word "and"
- 6 in the first line of the said section, and the words "and
- 7 the" were inserted after the word "and" in the
- 8 second line of the said section, and the words "and
- 9 the" were inserted after the word "and" in the
- 10 third line of the said section.

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