

By Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, petition of Mary S. Rogeness for legislation to further regulate the construction and wording of statutes. The Judiciary.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES.

*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 6 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 2 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause
- 3 Fourth and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—
- 4 Fourth, Words importing the singular number may extend and
- 5 be applied to several persons or things, words importing the plural
- 6 number may include the singular, and except where the context
- 7 otherwise requires, wherever words are used in one gender, they
- 8 shall be construed to include the other gender and the neuter.

