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By Mr. Lawless of Orleans, petition of Robert C. Lawless relative to the liability of certain non-profit corporations, trusts and associations. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF NON-PROFIT ENTITIES.

*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 85K of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 sentence: — It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action  
5 based on tort brought against a corporation, trustees of a trust,  
6 or members of an association that said corporation, trust, or  
7 association is or at the time the cause of action arose was a charity;  
8 provided, that if the tort was committed in the course of an activity  
9 carried on to accomplish directly the charitable purposes of such  
10 corporation, trust, or association, liability in any such cause of  
11 action shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars exclusive  
12 of interest and costs.

