

HOUSE No. 1183.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 28, 1901.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (introduced on leave) to enable customers of collection agencies and concerns carrying on a collection business to enforce payment of moneys collected (House, No. 745), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

GEO. T. SLEEPER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To enable Customers of Collection Agencies and Concerns carrying on a Collection Business to enforce Payment of Moneys collected.

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. Any person who carries on the
2 business of collecting bills, or a general law and
3 collection business, who has received, or any per-
4 son who is the manager, proprietor, superintend-
5 ent or member of a firm, agency, corporation,
6 partnership or company, which, through clerks,
7 agents, collectors or attorneys, has received
8 moneys or other things of value the property of a
9 customer of such person, firm, agency, corpora-
10 tion, partnership or company, which, less reason-
11 able or agreed charges, has not been paid over to
12 such customer on demand, may be arrested under
13 the provisions of clause three, section one, chap-
14 ter one hundred and sixty-two of the Public

15 Statutes, the same as though he was an attorney-
16 at-law.

1 SECTION 2. Any person conducting business
2 for himself or as manager of a firm, agency, cor-
3 poration, partnership, or company as set forth in
4 section one of this act, and any person who carries
5 on the business of collecting bills, or a general
6 law and collection business who has received, or
7 any person who is the manager, proprietor, super-
8 intendent or member of a firm, agency, corpora-
9 tion, partnership or company, which, through
10 clerks, agents, collectors or attorneys, has re-
11 ceived moneys or other things of value, the prop-
12 erty of a customer of such person, firm, agency,
13 corporation, partnership or company, who refuses
14 after demand made in writing, to pay over moneys
15 or goods received in either capacity as aforesaid
16 shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

