

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2590

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the termination of residential tenancies upon the death of the lessee. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES UPON THE DEATH OF THE LESSEE.

*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 186 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 15G.* The surviving spouse of a tenant, or the personal
- 4 representative of his estate if there be no surviving spouse, may
- 5 terminate a residential rental agreement upon the death of a tenant
- 6 by notifying the landlord or his agent by certified mail, return
- 7 receipt requested. Upon receipt of such notice, the landlord shall
- 8 return any security deposit less any valid charges therefrom.
- 9 All residential rental agreements entered into after the effective
- 10 date of this act shall be deemed to include the above provisions.

By the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States of America, this 1st day of January, 1900, at Washington, D. C.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, D. C.

RESOLUTION