

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1441**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims 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           SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “two thousand dollars”, in lines 6  
3 and 35, and inserting in place thereof in both instances the following figures:-- \$5,000.

4           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply only to such cases as  
5 are filed on or after said effective date. Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive any  
6 court of this commonwealth of jurisdiction over any case filed prior to the effective date of this  
7 act.