

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1535**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act preventing indemnification for willful, wanton, civil rights violations..

*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 9 of Chapter 258 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking the words ‘shall’ in line 1 and inserting the word ‘may’ in its place.

3 SECTION 2: Section 9 of Chapter 258 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
4 by striking the words “or omission which constitutes a violation of the civil rights of any person  
5 under any federal or state law, if such employee or official or holder of office under the  
6 constitution at the time of such intentional tort or such act or omission was acting within the  
7 scope of his official duties or employment” in the first sentence.

8 SECTION 3: Section 9 of Chapter 258 of the General Laws is hereby further amended  
9 by striking the words “other than a person holding office under the constitution acting within the  
10 scope of his official duties or employment” and the words “any such” in the second sentence.