

HOUSE No. 3519

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to transcript fees..

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 88 of Chapter 221 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in line 4, the words “three
3 dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words “five dollars”;

4 And in said section by striking, in lines 4 and 5, the words “one dollar” and inserting in
5 place thereof the words “two dollars”;

6 And in said section by striking, in line 7, the words “four dollars” and inserting in place
7 thereof the words “seven dollars”;

8 And in said section by striking, in line 8, the words “one dollar and fifty cents” and
9 inserting in place thereof the words “three dollars”;

10 And in said section by inserting, in line 8, after the words “additional copy” the
11 following: “Should transcription services be requested to be expedited to less than ten business
12 days, but not overnight, the rate shall be six dollars and twenty-five cents per page for the
13 original and two dollars and fifty cents per page for each copy ordered at the same time”;

14 And in said section by inserting after line 13, the following: “The transcript rates as
15 described in this section shall be reviewed every ten years and adjusted to reflect the average
16 annual cost of living increase over that period of time”;

17 And in said section by inserting the following at end thereof: “For transcripts ordered for
18 the purpose of appeal in both civil and criminal cases, in all circumstances, the court reporter
19 shall be entitled to produce an original and one copy at the expense of the appellant. In criminal
20 cases, both the original transcript and a copy shall be furnished to the clerk’s office in the county
21 in which the transcript was ordered, and may be copied and distributed by said clerk’s office to
22 all parties relevant to the appeals process in that case. In civil cases, the court reporter shall file
23 the signed original transcript at the clerk’s office in the county in which the appeal was filed, and
24 the copy shall be delivered to the appellant. The appellee may obtain a copy of the transcript
25 from the court reporter at the copy rate.