

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1604

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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 the rate of compensation paid to court appointed attorneys.

*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 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
2   by section 69 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and  
3   inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:—

4           The rates of compensation payable to all counsel, who are appointed or assigned to  
5   represent indigents within the private counsel division of the committee in accordance with the  
6   provisions of paragraph (b) of section 6, shall, subject to appropriation, be as follows: for  
7   homicide cases the rate of compensation shall be \$105 per hour; for superior court non-homicide  
8   cases, including sexually dangerous person cases, the rate of compensation shall be \$65 per hour;  
9   for district court cases and children in need of services cases the rate of compensation shall be  
10   \$53 per hour; for children and family law cases, care and protection cases, sex offender registry  
11   cases and mental health cases the rate of compensation shall be \$55 per hour.