

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1785**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act updating property exempt from execution..

*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 34 of chapter 235 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in clause First, “seventy-five”  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following: “two hundred and seventy-five”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking out, in  
5 clause Second, “three” and inserting in place thereof the following: “fifteen”.

6 SECTION 3. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
7 out, in clause Third, “two hundred” and inserting in place thereof the following: “one thousand”.

8 SECTION 4. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
9 out, in clause Fifth, “five” and inserting in place thereof the following: “twenty-five”.

10 SECTION 5. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
11 out, in clause Sixth, “five” and inserting in place thereof the following: “twenty-five”.

12 SECTION 6. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
13 out, in clause Seventh, “three” and inserting in place thereof the following: “fifteen”.

14 SECTION 7. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
15 out, in clause Ninth, “five” and inserting in place thereof the following: “twenty-five”.

16 SECTION 8. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
17 out, in clause Twelfth, “two hundred” and inserting in place thereof the following: “one  
18 thousand”.

19 SECTION 9. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
20 out, in clause Thirteenth, “one” and inserting in place thereof the following: “five”.

21 SECTION 10. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
22 out, in clause Fourteenth, “two hundred” and inserting in place thereof the following: “one  
23 thousand”.

24 SECTION 11. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
25 out, in clause Fifteenth, “one hundred and twenty-five” and inserting in place thereof the  
26 following: “four hundred and fifty”.

27 SECTION 12. Said section 34 of said chapter 235 is hereby further amended by striking  
28 out, in clause Sixteenth, “seven hundred” and inserting in place thereof the following: “ten  
29 thousand”.

30 SECTION 13. Said section 34 of chapter 235 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
31 hereby amended by inserting after clause Sixteenth the following paragraph:

32           On September 30 of each year, the secretary of administration and finance shall calculate  
33 the percentage change in the consumer price index, prepared by the United States Bureau of  
34 Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers nationally during the most recent twelve-month period  
35 for which such data are available. Effective January 1 of the following calendar year, clauses  
36 First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and  
37 Sixteenth of section 34 of chapter 235 shall be increased by the percentage change in said  
38 consumer price index. In no instance shall the increase be less than zero.