

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1635

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*William M. Straus*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1635) of William M. Straus relative to the compensation of judicial stenographers and transcribers. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for adequate compensation for stenographers and transcribers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 General Laws, as most recently amended  
2 by section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as  
3 appearing in the session law, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 sentence:-

5           Upon request of the presiding justice or any party, the stenographer or transcriber shall  
6 furnish a paper or electronic reproduction transcript of a trial or hearing for which he shall be  
7 paid by the party requesting it at the rate of \$3.50 per page for the original and \$1 per page for  
8 each additional copy ordered, but not less than \$20.

9           SECTION 2. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
10 by section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as  
11 appearing in the session law, the second sentence.

12           SECTION 3. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
13 by section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as  
14 appearing in the session law, the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
15 sentence:-

16 Additional paper or electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person  
17 or counsel for an indigent person, shall be paid at \$.25 per page, but not less than \$20.

18 SECTION 4. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
19 by section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as  
20 appearing in the session law, the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
21 sentence:-

22 In the event that daily copy is ordered by the presiding justice or any party, the rate shall  
23 be \$5 per page for the original paper or electronic reproduction transcript and \$1.50 per page for  
24 each additional paper or electronic reproduction copy; provided that, additional paper or  
25 electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or counsel for an indigent  
26 person, shall be paid at \$.25 per page, but not less than \$20.