

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1611**

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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>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1611) of William M. Straus relative to the fees for furnishing transcripts of notes. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

*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 appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following sentence:-

4           Upon request of the presiding justice or any party, the stenographer or transcriber shall  
5 furnish a paper or electronic reproduction transcript of a trial or hearing for which he shall be  
6 paid by the party requesting it at the rate of \$3.75 per page for the original and \$1.25 per page for  
7 each additional copy ordered, but not less than \$20.

8           SECTION 2. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
9 by deleting the second sentence.

10           SECTION 3. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
11 by deleting the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

12 Additional paper or electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person  
13 or counsel for an indigent person, shall be paid at \$.35 per page, but not less than \$20.

14 SECTION 4. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
15 by deleting the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

16 In the event that daily copy is ordered by the presiding justice or any party, the rate shall  
17 be \$5.25 per page for the original paper or electronic reproduction copy and \$1.75 per page for  
18 each additional paper or electronic reproduction copy; provided that, additional paper or  
19 electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or counsel for indigent  
20 person, shall be paid at \$.35 per page, but not less than \$20.