

HOUSE No. 1876

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher M. Markey

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 addressing compensation rates for bar advocates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>5/2/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>5/6/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>6/23/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/23/2025</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/23/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>7/8/2025</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>7/8/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>7/29/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/29/2025</i>

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By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1876) of Christopher M. Markey, Dennis C. Gallagher and Joanne M. Comerford relative to compensation rates for bar advocates. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act addressing compensation rates for bar advocates.

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 appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (a), and inserting the following
3 subsection:-

4 (a) 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 \$150 per hour; for superior court non-homicide
8 cases, including sexually dangerous person cases, the rate of compensation shall be \$105 per
9 hour; for district court cases and children in need of services cases the rate of compensation shall
10 be \$73 per hour; for children and family law cases and care and protection cases the rate of
11 compensation shall be \$90 per hour; for sex offender registry cases and mental health cases the
12 rate of compensation shall be \$90 per hour. These rates of compensation shall be reviewed

13 periodically at public hearings held by the committee at appropriate locations throughout the
14 state, and notice shall be given to all state, county and local bar associations and other interested
15 groups, of such hearings by letter and publication in advance of such hearings. This periodic
16 review shall take place not less than once every 3 years.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.