

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1459**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to prejudgment interest rates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jason M. Lewis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*31st Middlesex*

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By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1459) of Jason M. Lewis relative to prejudgment interest rates on damages awarded in tort actions and contract actions. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

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An Act relative to prejudgment interest rates.

*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 6B of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “at the rate of twelve per  
3 cent per annum” and inserting in place thereof the following:- calculated at a weekly average  
4 one-year constant maturity treasury yield, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal  
5 Reserve System, for the calendar week preceding date of the judgment.

6 SECTION 2. Section 6C of said chapter 231 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4,  
7 the words “at the rate of twelve per cent per annum” and inserting in place thereof the  
8 following:- calculated at a Weekly average one-year constant maturity treasury yield, as  
9 published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the calendar week  
10 preceding date of the judgment.

11 SECTION 3. Said section 6C of said chapter 231 is hereby further amended by striking  
12 out, in line 7, the words “at the rate of twelve per cent annum” and inserting in place thereof the  
13 following:- calculated as set forth above.