

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2544**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard M. Haggerty***

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*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 court officers injured in service of the state.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2544) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to court officers injured in service of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4305 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to court officers injured in service of the state.

*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. The fourth paragraph of section 58 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- All  
3 amounts payable under this section to a court officer shall be paid at the same times and in the  
4 same manner as, and for all purposes shall be deemed to be, the regular compensation of such  
5 court officer.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 58 of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further  
7 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

8 Whoever intentionally or negligently injures a court officer for which the court officer is  
9 granted a leave without a loss of pay and is paid compensation in accordance with this section

- 10 shall be liable in tort to the office paying such compensation for all costs incurred by that office
- 11 in replacing the injured court officer which are in excess of the amount of compensation so paid.