

**SENATE . . . . . No. 874**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Mark C. Montigny*

*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 revising the charitable immunity cap.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 874) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to revise the charitable immunity cap. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 765 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act revising the charitable immunity cap.

*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 85K of Chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following sentence:-

4 It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action based on tort brought against a  
5 corporation, trustees of a trust, or members of an association that said corporation, trust or  
6 association is or at the time the cause of action arose was a charity; provided, that if (a) the tort  
7 was committed in the course of any activity carried on to accomplish directly the charitable  
8 purposes of such corporation, trust or association, (b) such corporation, trust or association  
9 derives more than fifty percent of its income from charitable gifts or donations, and (c) such

10 charitable corporation, trust or association had fewer than 25 employees at the time such cause of  
11 action arose.