



# CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

## HOME RULE PETITION

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only: –

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FINES WHICH MAY BE  
IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as amended by chapter 48 of the acts of 1989 and section 102 of chapter 341 of the acts of 1989, is hereby further amended by striking in the second sentence the words “three hundred” and inserting in place thereof the words: – “two thousand”.

**SECTION 2.**

Section 35 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1854, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting thereafter the following new paragraph: –

The maximum fine set forth in this section shall be adjusted for inflation, round to the nearest hundred dollars, on January 1, 2025, and on January 1 every five years thereafter based on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items, or its successor index.

**SECTION 3.**

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.**

This act shall take effect upon its passage.