

SENATE NO. 849

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SMALL CLAIMS

*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 23 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the tenth paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:-

4 In the Boston municipal court and district court departments, questions of law arising in the
5 disposition before a judge or a jury of a cause under the procedure may be reported or appealed to the
6 appellate division pursuant to the District/Municipal Courts Rules for Appellate Division Appeal.

7 SECTION 2. Section 108 of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section
8 15 of chapter 252 of the acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence
9 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- There shall be an appellate division of
10 each district court for the rehearing of matters of law arising in civil cases therein, in claims for
11 compensation of victims of violent crimes, in civil motor vehicle infractions, and in the disposition
12 before a judge or a jury of a small claim under section 23 of chapter 218.