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By Mr. Bresnahan of Lawrence, petition of John C. Bresnahan for legislation relative to the penalty for the crime of larceny. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CRIME OF LARCENY.

*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 30 of chapter 266 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out clause (1), as amended  
3 by section 2 of chapter 282 of the acts of 1945, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following clause:— (1)  
5 Whoever steals, or with intent to defraud obtains by  
6 a false pretence, or whoever unlawfully, and with in-  
7 tent to steal or embezzle, converts, or secretes with  
8 intent to convert, the property of another as defined  
9 in this section, whether such property is or is not in  
10 his possession at the time of such conversion or se-  
11 creting, shall be guilty of larceny, and shall, if the  
12 value of the property stolen exceeds two hundred and  
13 fifty dollars, be punished by imprisonment in the  
14 state prison for not more than five years, or by a fine  
15 of not more than six hundred dollars and imprison-  
16 ment in jail for not more than two years; or, if the  
17 value of the property stolen does not exceed two hun-  
18 dred and fifty dollars, shall be punished by imprison-  
19 ment in jail for not more than one year or by a fine  
20 of not more than three hundred dollars; or, if the  
21 property was stolen from the conveyance of a common  
22 carrier or of a person carrying on an express business,  
23 shall be punished for the first offence by imprisonment

24 for not less than six months nor more than two and  
25 one half years, or by a fine of not less than fifty nor  
26 more than six hundred dollars, or both, and for a  
27 subsequent offence, by imprisonment for not less than  
28 eighteen months nor more than two and one half  
29 years, or by a fine of not less than one hundred and  
30 fifty nor more than six hundred dollars, or both.