

HOUSE No. 1345

By Mr. Zamparelli of Medford, petition of John F. Zamparelli relative to expunging or destroying in criminal proceedings the court records of defendants who have been acquitted by verdict or discharged because no indictments have been found against them. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECORDS OF VARIOUS COURTS UPON
CERTAIN FINDINGS OF SAID COURTS.

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

1 Chapter 278 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 15 thereof the following new
3 section: —

4 *Section 15A.* Whenever in any criminal proceeding in
5 any court in the commonwealth the defendant is ac-
6 quitted by verdict or discharged because no indictment
7 has been found against him or because of want of prosecu-
8 tion, all records in the proceeding shall be expunged and
9 destroyed.

