

SENATE No. 498

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COUNSEL TO THE SENATE AND THE COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBMITTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIVE CHANGES IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF TRAMPS.

OFFICES OF THE COUNSEL TO THE SENATE AND
COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, December 26, 1956.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with section 53 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 376 of the acts of 1939, we have the honor to submit the annexed bill making certain corrective changes in the law relative to the imprisonment of tramps.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF TRAMPS.

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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 64, as most recently amended by section 23
3 of chapter 715 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 64.* A tramp shall be punished by imprisonment
6 in the house of correction for not more than thirty days; and
7 if he enters a dwelling house or other building without the
8 consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or wilfully or ma-
9 liciously injures or threatens to injure any person therein,
10 or threatens to do any injury to any person, or to the property
11 of another, or is found carrying a firearm or other dangerous
12 weapon, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of
13 correction for not less than one nor more than two and one
14 half years, but notwithstanding the foregoing a tramp found
15 carrying a firearm or other dangerous weapon in violation of
16 section ten of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine may be
17 prosecuted and punished thereunder.