

SENATE No. 259

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 15, 1927.

The joint committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 562) of Clarence S. Luitwieler relative to the punishment for successive felonies, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 259).

For the committee,

WALTER SHUEBRUK.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Punishment for Successive Felonies.

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 two hundred and seventy-nine of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
3 section twenty-five and inserting in place thereof
4 the following:—

5 *Section 25.* Whoever has been three times or
6 more convicted of crime and sentenced and com-
7 mitted to prison for terms of not less than three
8 years each, not including conviction for an of-
9 fense as to which the defendant proves a pardon
10 on the ground of innocence, shall, upon con-
11 viction of a felony, be considered an habitual
12 criminal and may be punished by imprisonment
13 in the state prison for life, or for any term of
14 years. For the purposes of this section, con-
15 viction and sentence in the courts of any other
16 state or of the United States and commitment to
17 prison thereunder shall have the same effect as
18 conviction and sentence in the courts of this
19 commonwealth and commitment to prison there-
20 under.

