

HOUSE No. 604

By Mr. Whalen of Brockton, petition of Timothy J. McDonough and others for legislation to reduce the duration of certain sentences of imprisonment at the State Farm. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act to establish the Duration of Certain Sentences of Imprisonment at the State Farm.

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 thirty-six of chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-nine is hereby amended by adding the words
3 "except for drunkenness" after the word "thereof" in
4 line two, and by striking out in line four, the words
5 "one year" and inserting in place thereof the words:
6 — three months, — so as to read as follows:— *Sec-*
7 *tion 36.* In imposing a sentence of imprisonment at
8 the state farm, the court or trial justice shall not
9 fix or limit the duration thereof, except for drunken-
10 ness. Whoever is sentenced to the state farm for
11 drunkenness may be held in custody for not more
12 than three months, and if so sentenced for any other
13 offense, may there be held in custody for not more
14 than two years.

