

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5 1 2 6

By Mr. Marshall of Quincy, petition of Richard Venna for legislation to authorize certain minors determined to be dangerous to the community to be held at a house of correction in lieu of bail pending trial. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MINORS DETERMINED TO BE DANGERS TO THE COMMUNITY MAY BE HELD AT A HOUSE OF CORRECTION IN LIEU OF BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 68 of chapter 119 of the  
2 General Laws, as appearing in section 18 of chapter 838 of the  
3 acts of 1969, is hereby amended by adding the following  
4 sentence: — If, in the opinion of the court, a youth between the  
5 ages of fourteen and seventeen whose case is bound over to the  
6 grand jury is certified by the justice that said youth constitutes a  
7 danger to the community, said youth may be held at a house of  
8 correction in lieu of bail pending trial.

Section 1. The Commission on the Status of Women is hereby created, to be composed of the following members: . . . . .

**Section 2. Powers and Duties.**

The Commission shall have the honor and privilege of appearing and being heard before any committee of the Senate or House of Representatives, and shall have access to all records and documents of the Government, and shall have the right to call upon any Federal agency for information and assistance in the performance of its duties.

It is the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives that the Commission should report to the President and to the Congress at the earliest practicable date.

The first meeting of the Commission shall be held at the call of the President, and shall be held at the earliest practicable date. The Commission shall report to the President and to the Congress at the earliest practicable date.