

By Mr. McGrath of Watertown, petition of Richard M. McGrath that provision be made for capital punishment for the killing of police officers, fire fighters or correctional officers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR A CERTAIN CRIME.

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 1. Section 1 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
4 The unlawful killing of another person shall be murder in the
5 first degree if said unlawful killing was committed with
6 deliberately premeditated malice aforethought and the victim
7 was killed while serving in the performance of his duties as a
8 police officer, firefighter or correctional officer.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 265, as amended, is
2 hereby further amended by striking out the first two sentences,
3 as appearing in chapter 203 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Whoever is guilty of
5 murder in the first degree shall suffer the punishment of death.

By Mr. [Name] of [State],

THE [Title]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That [Text]

SECTION 1. [Text]

SECTION 2. [Text]