

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association and Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to require the imposition of a mandatory prison sentence for the crime of rape and related offenses. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A MANDATORY SENTENCE FOR THE CRIME OF RAPE,  
AND RELATED OFFENSES.

*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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amend-  
2 ed by inserting after section 22, the following: — “Such sentence  
3 shall be served with a minimum of twenty years in the state prison,  
4 without benefit of suspension, parole, or commutation.”

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 24, the following: — “Such sen-  
3 tence shall be served with a minimum of twenty years in the state  
4 prison, without benefit of suspension, parole, or commutation.”

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in section 24-B, after the words “for any term  
3 of years,” by deleting the words “but not less than five years,” the  
4 following words: — “but not less than twenty years, and such sen-  
5 tence shall be imposed without benefit of suspension, parole, or  
6 commutation.”

