

HOUSE No. 1589

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 commission of a felony while being armed with a "sawed-off" shotgun. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A MANDATORY SENTENCE FOR THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY WHILE BEING ARMED WITH A "SAWED-OFF" SHOTGUN.

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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 the following new section after section 21 of the said Chapter
3 265: —

4 *Section 21-A.* Whoever, during the commission of a felony, is
5 armed with a sawed-off shotgun, as defined under section 10 of
6 Chapter 269, of the General Laws, shall, upon conviction of said
7 felony, and in addition to any penalty imposed therefor, be pun-
8 ished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 10 years,
9 and such punishment shall not be suspended.

