

HOUSE No. 2217

By Mr. Lombardi of Easton (by request), petition of Geraldine M. Sullivan for legislation to prohibit the publication of the names of jurors in certain criminal court cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE NAMES OF JURORS BEING REPORTED BY THE NEWS MEDIA IN ANY CASE WHERE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

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

1 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the name of any
2 person selected to serve as a juror in a criminal trial where there is a
3 possibility of a defendant being given a punishment of life imprisonment,
4 if found guilty of the charges brought against the defendant shall not be
5 published by any newspaper company, its employees, or its agents, or reported by any radio or television
6 station, its employees or agents.
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