

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., that provision be made for mandatory prison sentences for crimes committed against elderly persons. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PUNISHING THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS.

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 after section 19, the following new sections:—

3 Section 19A. Whoever, being armed with a dangerous weapon,  
4 assaults a senior citizen with intent to rob or murder shall be  
5 punished by imprisonment in the State Prison for not more than  
6 twenty years.

7 Section 19B. Whoever, not being armed with a dangerous weap-  
8 on, by force or violence, or by assault and putting in fear, robs,  
9 steals and takes from any senior citizen money or other property  
10 which may be the subject of larceny, shall be punished by imprison-  
11 ment in the State Prison for life or for any term of years.

12 Section 19C. Whoever, not being armed with a dangerous weap-  
13 on, by force and violence, or by assault and putting in fear, robs,  
14 steals and takes from senior citizens money or other property  
15 which may be the subject of larceny, shall be punished by imprison-  
16 ment in the State Prison for life or for any term of years but not less  
17 than five years.

18 Section 19D. Whoever commits larceny by stealing from the  
19 person of senior citizens shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
20 State Prison for not more than ten years.

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