

SENATE No. 255

By Mr. McKenna, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 255) of Denis L. McKenna for legislation to provide that the theft or destruction of a life support system resulting in death shall be murder in the second degree. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE THEFT OR DESTRUCTION OF A LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM RESULTING IN DEATH SHALL BE MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

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
2 inserting after section 1 the following section: —

3 *Section 1A.* Whoever is guilty of stealing or destroying a
4 life support system and such theft or destruction directly re-
5 sults in the death of a person shall be guilty of murder in the
6 second degree.

