

# SENATE . . . . . No. 964

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 964) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to establish uniform authority of the Trial Court regarding sentencing. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING UNIFORM AUTHORITY OF THE TRIAL COURT REGARDING SENTENCING.

*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 218 of the General Laws, section 27  
2 shall be amended by striking therefrom all the language in the  
3 last clause of the sentence following the word "jurisdiction".

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 278 of the General Laws, section 28A  
2 shall be amended by striking the first sentence thereof and in-  
3 serting the following:

4 There shall be an appellate division of the superior court  
5 for the review of sentences to the state prison imposed by any  
6 trial court by final judgments in criminal cases, except in any  
7 case in which a different sentence could not have been imposed,  
8 and for the review of sentences to the reformatory for women  
9 for terms of more than five years imposed by final judgments  
10 in such criminal cases.

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The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses, including Mr. J. B. Smith, Mr. W. D. Jones, and Mr. R. L. Brown. The list is organized in a tabular format with columns for names and addresses.

The second part of the document contains a detailed account of the events that took place on the 15th of the month. It describes the activities of the group and the results of their efforts. The text is written in a formal, historical style.