

SENATE No. 164

By Mr. Lees, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 164) of Brian P. Lees, Matthew J. Amorello and Christopher M. Lane for legislation to impose a mandatory sentence for motor vehicle insurance fraud. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT IMPOSING A MANDATORY SENTENCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FRAUD.

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 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in Section 27A by deleting
3 the first paragraph, and inserting in its place the following:

4 Whoever, with intent to defraud the insurer, removes or
5 conceals a motor vehicle or trailer belonging to himself or another
6 which is at the time insured against theft, or whoever, with intent
7 as aforesaid, aids or abets in such removal or concealment shall
8 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not
9 less than one year nor more than five years or by imprisonment
10 in jail or house of correction for not less than two years or by
11 a fine of not more than fifteen thousand dollars, or by both such
12 fine and imprisonment.

the bill, position accompanied by all other bills of the same kind, shall be referred to the committee on the part of the Senate to which it is referred, and the committee shall report thereon to the Senate as soon as practicable, but not later than the first day of the next regular session of the Senate.

The Committee on Education and Labor

There shall be a committee on the part of the Senate to be known as the Committee on Education and Labor.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON THE PART OF THE SENATE TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, and by the majority of the Senate as follows:

1. Chapter 350 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1953 Official Edition, is hereby amended in Section 57A to delete the first paragraph, and inserting in its place the following:
 1. Whoever, with intent to defraud the United States or to obstruct or evade the collection of any tax imposed by or for the United States, or to obstruct or evade the enforcement of any law enforced by or for the United States, shall knowingly make or cause to be made any false statement or record or account, or shall knowingly furnish or cause to be furnished any false information, shall be fined not more than five years or by imprisonment not more than two years, or by both or by fine not more than \$100,000 and detention or by both such fine and imprisonment.