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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 7, 1924.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the special commission appointed to consider the advisability of revising the general law relative to the imposition of penalties for the commission of crime (House, No. 224), report in part the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

M. F. SHAW.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

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An Act regulating the Term of Imprisonment in the State  
Prison.

*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 twenty-four of chapter two hundred and  
2 seventy-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended  
3 by striking out the last sentence of said section so  
4 as to read as follows:—*Section 24.* If a convict is  
5 sentenced to the state prison, except for life or as an  
6 habitual criminal, the court shall not fix the term of  
7 imprisonment, but shall fix a maximum and a minimum  
8 term for which he may be imprisoned. The maximum  
9 term shall not be longer than the longest term fixed by  
10 law for the punishment of the crime of which he has  
11 been convicted, and the minimum term shall not be less  
12 than two and one half years.



