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Bill accompanying the petition of William H. Sullivan for legislation relative to records of convictions of crimes. Joint Judiciary. January 9.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to Records of Convictions of Crimes.

*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. After the lapse of ten years from the ex-  
2 piration of a sentence or the imposition of a fine the  
3 record of a conviction for an offence shall not be pro-  
4 duced in court at the trial of any cause and the person  
5 convicted shall not be required to testify as to such con-  
6 viction, nor shall any testimony relating thereto be  
7 offered, unless the person so convicted shall have been  
8 convicted of a felony within said ten years.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

