

HOUSE No. 1815

By Mr. Armstrong of Plymouth, petition of Elliot L. Richardson for legislation to provide a penalty for corporations guilty of certain crimes. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING PUNISHMENTS FOR CORPORATIONS.

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 279 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following section:—

3 *Section 5A. Punishment of corporations.*—Any corporation
4 which commits a crime shall be punished as follows:

5 First, if an individual committing that crime could be
6 punished by a fine of ten thousand dollars, by a fine of not
7 more than one hundred thousand dollars.

8 Second, if an individual committing that crime could be
9 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for ten years,
10 by a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars.

11 Third, if clauses first and second do not apply and an
12 individual committing that crime could be punished by a fine
13 of five thousand dollars, by a fine of not more than fifty
14 thousand dollars.

15 Fourth, if clauses first and second do not apply and an
16 individual committing that crime could be punished by
17 imprisonment in the state prison for five years, by a fine of
18 not more than fifty thousand dollars.

19 Fifth, if clauses first through fourth do not apply, by a fine
20 of not more than twenty thousand dollars.

By Mr. [Name] of [State], in the Senate, on [Date], and reported by the Committee on [Committee Name], on [Date].

The Commission of [Title]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That [Text]

- 1 Chapter 100 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 adding thereto the following sections:—
- 3 Section 1. [Text]
- 4 which reads as follows:—
- 5 That if an individual committing such crime shall be
- 6 punished by a fine of not less than [Amount] and not
- 7 more than [Amount],
- 8 Section 10. [Text]
- 9 provided by the Government in the State prison for not less
- 10 than [Amount] and more than [Amount] and not
- 11 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 12 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 13 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 14 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 15 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 16 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 17 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 18 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 19 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not
- 20 less than [Amount] and not more than [Amount] and not