

SENATE No. 930

By Mr. McCann, a petition of Francis X. McCann for legislation to further regulate the sentencing of habitual criminals. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SENTENCING
OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS.

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 striking out section 25 and inserting in place thereof the fol-
3 lowing section: —

4 *Section 25.* Whoever has been thrice convicted of a crime
5 and sentenced and committed to prison in this state or in
6 another state, or once in this state and once or more in an-
7 other state, for terms of not less than three years each, and
8 does not show that he has been pardoned for any such crime
9 on the ground that he was innocent, shall, upon conviction of
10 a felony, be considered an habitual criminal and be punished
11 by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of fifteen years
12 or for the maximum term for the penalty for which he is then
13 to be sentenced, whichever is the greater. Said sentence shall
14 be served without any deduction of time for good conduct.

by the Director of the Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C., in the month of August, 1930.

The Government of the United States

in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty

AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

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

1. Chapter 209 of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 striking out section 25 and inserting in place thereof the fol-
- 3 lowing section:—
- 4 Section 25. Whoever has been twice convicted of a crime
- 5 and sentenced and committed to prison in this State or in
- 6 another State or State of this Union and who is again in the
- 7 State or State of this Union at any time after such conviction
- 8 does not show that he has been pardoned for any such crime
- 9 on the ground that he was innocent, shall upon conviction be
- 10 a felon, he shall be considered an habitual criminal and he shall
- 11 be imprisoned in the State Prison for a term of not less than
- 12 or for the maximum term for the crime, the sentence to be
- 13 to be entered, whichever is the greater. This sentence shall
- 14 be served without any deduction of time for good conduct.