

HOUSE No. 5815

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 16, 1971.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3824) of Michael Paul Feeney relative to the penalty for assault and battery during an attempted larceny on an aged or infirm person and for stealing a handbag from the person of a female, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5815) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DANIEL W. CARNEY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY DURING AN ATTEMPTED LARCENY ON AN AGED OR INFIRM PERSON AND FOR STEALING A HANDBAG FROM THE PERSON OF A FEMALE.

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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 13D the following section: —

3 *Section 13E.* Whoever commits an assault and battery against
4 an aged or infirm person during an attempted larceny from said
5 person, or whoever steals or attempts to steal a handbag from the
6 person of a female shall be punished by imprisonment for not
7 less than one year nor more than two and one half years in the
8 house of correction.

9 For the purpose of this section an aged person shall be a
10 person seventy years of age or older and an infirm person shall be
11 a person whose infirmity is plainly obvious.