

HOUSE No. 288

By Mr. Sirianni of Winthrop, petition of Ralph E. Sirianni, Jr., for the establishment of a penalty for the theft of certain fuel or energy resources. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THEFT OF CERTAIN FUEL OR ENERGY RESOURCES.

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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 to said chapter the following new section:

3 "Section 142. (1) Whoever steals or with intent to defraud
4 obtains by a false pretence, or whoever unlawfully and with
5 intent to steal or embezzle converts or secretes with intent to
6 convert, asports, transports or without permission illegally
7 transfers any petroleum product or substance manufactured,
8 refined, distilled or otherwise produced from petroleum intended
9 to be used as a fuel or energy source shall be punished by a fine
10 of not more than \$1000, if the value of the product or products
11 stolen be \$100 or less.

12 (2) If the value of said products stolen be more than \$100,
13 whoever violates this section shall be punished by imprisonment
14 in the state prison for not more than five years or by a fine of
15 not more than \$1000 and imprisonment in a jail or House of
16 Correction for not more than two years or both."

