

By Mr. Sacco of Medford, petition of George L. Sacco, Jr. and Carlton M. Viveiros that persons convicted of murder in the first degree of a law enforcement or correctional officer shall suffer the punishment of death. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF THE MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SHALL SUFFER THE PUNISHMENT OF DEATH.

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. Section 2 of chapter 265 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as
3 appearing in chapter 203 of the Acts of 1951, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—No such recommendation
5 shall be made by a jury or recorded by the court if the murder
6 was committed in connection with the commission of rape or an
7 attempt to commit rape nor if the person murdered was a law
8 enforcement or correctional officer who, at the time of such
9 murder, was engaged in the performance of his official duties.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON THE 12TH MARCH 1879