

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray relative to the intimidation of witnesses in criminal proceedings. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The first paragraph of Section 13B of Chapter 268 of the
2 General Laws as most recently amended by Chapter 177 of the
3 Acts of 1970 is hereby further amended by striking out the first
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

5 Whoever, directly or indirectly, willfully endeavors by means
6 of a gift, offer or promise of anything of value, or by
7 misrepresentation, intimidation, force or threats of force, to
8 influence, impede, obstruct, delay or otherwise interfere with any
9 witness or juror in any stage of a trial or other criminal
10 proceedings, or with any person furnishing information to a
11 criminal investigator relating to a violation of a criminal statute
12 of the Commonwealth (and whoever injures any person or
13 damages his property on account of giving such information to
14 a criminal proceeding) shall be punished by imprisonment in the
15 state prison for not less than two years and not more than five
16 years, and by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars and
17 not more than five thousand dollars.

