

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-Eight.

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

