

HOUSE No. 3279

By Mr. Finneran of Boston, petition of William L. Phipps, Thomas M. Finneran and Thomas G. Palumbo for legislation to consider photographs as evidence of stolen goods in shoplifting and larceny cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EVIDENCE IN SHOPLIFTING AND LARCENY CASES.

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 30A of Chapter 266 of the General Laws is amended
2 by adding the following paragraph: —

3 In a prosecution under this Section or under Section 30, if the
4 articles alleged to have been stolen are accompanied by a
5 representative photograph at the time of arraignment, said
6 photograph will be sufficient evidence of the goods and their value
7 at all subsequent proceedings.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1870.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1870.