

HOUSE No. 1332

By Mr. Jakubowicz of Pittsfield, petition of Robert F. Jakubowicz that judges be required to file written statements for not imposing sentences of imprisonment on persons convicted of certain criminal actions. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING JUDGES WHO DETERMINE NOT TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS TO FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE RECORD OF THEIR REASONS FOR SUCH ACTION.

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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding a new section at the end thereof: — The
3 sentencing judge who determines that a sentence imposed under
4 any of the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty-five shall not
5 include imprisonment shall set forth the reasons therefor on the
6 record in the form of specific findings. Such record shall be made
7 available to the public as a public record.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply to
2 violations committed on or after the effective date of this act.

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