

HOUSE No. 738

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann for legislation to further regulate pardons and furloughs for certain persons convicted of murder in the first degree and in the second degree. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PARDONS AND FURLOUGHS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

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 90A of chapter 127 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after "degree", in line 16, the words: — or murder in the
4 second degree.

1 SECTION 2. Section 152 of chapter 127 of the General Laws,
2 as amended by chapter 514 of the acts of 1989, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following paragraph: —

4 Notwithstanding the aforesaid provisions, no person serving a
5 life sentence for murder in the first degree shall be eligible for a
6 pardon under this section until he has served forty years of said
7 sentence. No person serving a life sentence for murder in the
8 second degree shall be eligible for a pardon under this section until
9 he has served twenty-five years of said sentence.

