

HOUSE No. 1843

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, petition of William C. Galvin for legislation to increase the penalties for rape. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTIES FOR RAPE.

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 22 of Chapter 265, as appearing in the 1990 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding, in line 12, after the word
3 "years", the words, "provided however, that no such term of
4 imprisonment shall be for a term of years less than thirty"; and
5 further, by deleting, in lines 16 through 19, the words "until such
6 person shall have served two-thirds of such minimum sentence or
7 if such person has two or more sentences to be served otherwise
8 than concurrently, two-thirds of the aggregate of the minimum
9 terms of such several sentences"; and further, by striking out, in
10 line 24, the word "more", and inserting in place thereof, the word
11 "less"; and further, by adding, in line 26, after the word "years",
12 the words, "provided, however, that no such term of imprison-
13 ment shall be for a term of years less than thirty"; and further,
14 by adding the following new paragraph, after line 12: —

15 "Whoever commits a second or subsequent such offense shall
16 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life";

17 and further, by deleting, in lines 30 through 33, the words, "until
18 such person shall have served two-thirds of such minimum
19 sentence or if such person has two or more sentences to be served
20 otherwise than concurrently, two-thirds of the aggregate of the
21 minimum terms of such several sentences".

