

By Mrs. Newman of Cambridge, petition of John J. Buckley, Mary B. Newman and another for legislation to provide for incarceration in the Massachusetts Correctional institution, Framingham, of all female offenders sentenced to imprisonment. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCARCERATION IN THE MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, FRAMINGHAM, OF ALL FEMALE OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT.

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 5 of chapter 279 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "correction", in line 6, the words:—
4 except that, in the case of a female offender sentenced to a term
5 of imprisonment in excess of thirty days, sentence shall be to
6 imprisonment in the Massachusetts correctional institution,
7 Framingham.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 279 is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the word "jail", in line 6, as so appearing, the
3 words:—, except that, in the case of a female offender sen-
4 tenced to a term of imprisonment in excess of thirty days, sen-
5 tence shall be to imprisonment in the Massachusetts correc-
6 tional institution, Framingham.

1 SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 279, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "correction", in
3 line 4, the words:—, except that, in the case of a female offender
4 sentenced to a term of imprisonment in excess of thirty days,
5 sentence shall be to imprisonment in the Massachusetts correc-
6 tional institution, Framingham.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 279 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 16, as so appearing, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 16.* A female convicted and sentenced to imprison-
5 ment for a term in excess of thirty days for a crime punishable
6 by imprisonment shall be sentenced in the Massachusetts cor-
7 rectional institution, Framingham.

1 SECTION 5. Said chapter 279 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 17, as so appearing, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 17.* The court, imposing a sentence to imprison-
5 ment upon a female, shall not prescribe the limit of the sen-
6 tence unless it is for more than five years; provided, however,
7 that in the case of a sentence of sixty days or less, except a
8 sentence for drunkenness, said court may prescribe such limit.

1 SECTION 6. Said chapter 279 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 18, as most recently amended by section 24
3 of chapter 715 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 18.* A female sentenced to the Massachusetts cor-
6 rectional institution, Framingham for larceny of property of
7 a value exceeding one hundred dollars, or for any felony except
8 adultery and lewd and lascivious cohabitation, may be held
9 therein for not more than five years unless she is sentenced for
10 a longer term, in which case she may be held therein for such
11 longer term; if sentenced to said institution for drunkenness
12 she may be held therein for not more than six months; if sen-
13 tenced to said institution for any other offense, including lar-
14 ceny of property of a value not exceeding one hundred dollars,
15 adultery or lewd and lascivious cohabitation, she may be held
16 therein for not more than two years.

1 SECTION 7. Said chapter 279 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 19, as amended by section 95 of chapter 770
3 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 19.* The sentence to imprisonment of a female con-
6 victed of a felony shall be executed in the Massachusetts cor-
7 rectional institution, Framingham.

1 SECTION 8. Section twenty of said chapter two hundred
2 and seventy-nine is hereby repealed.

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