

HOUSE No. 5334

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 5, 1969.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred so much of the annual report of the Judicial Council (Pub. Doc. No. 144) as relates to repealing the law authorizing the arrest and punishment of vagrants (pages 72-78); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2499) of John W. Sears, Maurice E. Frye, Jr., Robert L. Cawley, Paul J. Cavanaugh and Oliver F. Ames for legislation to amend the definition of "vagrants" under the criminal laws; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2500) of John W. Sears, Maurice E. Frye, Jr., Robert L. Cawley, Paul J. Cavanaugh and Oliver F. Ames for legislation to amend the definition of "tramp" under the criminal laws, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5334).

For the committee,

HUGH J. MORGAN.

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

AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW AUTHORIZING THE ARREST AND PUNISHMENT OF VAGRANTS.

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 66. Vagrants.*—Persons wandering abroad and beg-
2 ging, or who go about from door to door or in public or
3 private ways, areas to which the general public is invited, or
4 in other public places for the purpose of begging or to receive
5 alms, and who do not come within the description of tramps
6 as contained in section sixty-three, shall be deemed vagrants
7 and may be punished by imprisonment for not more than six
8 months in the house of correction is hereby repealed.