

THIS IS A REFILE OF HOUSE, NO. 410 OF 1971.

HOUSE No. 360

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, petition of Paul Murphy for legislation to increase the minimum and maximum fines to be paid by persons convicted of crimes involving violence to persons. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FINES TO BE PAID BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES INVOLVING VIOLENCE TO THE PERSON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 279 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 1A the following section:—

3 *Section 1B.* In all cases where a person is convicted of a
4 crime involving violence to the person, and notwithstanding
5 any other punishment provided for such crime, the permis-
6 sible maximum and minimum fines therefor shall be doubled,
7 and the court imposing said fine may order up to fifty per
8 cent of said fine so doubled to be paid to the victim of the
9 crime. Such payment shall not deprive the victim of any civil
10 remedy nor shall it operate in mitigation of damages in any
11 civil suit brought by the victim against the defendant. The
12 fact that such defendant has had counsel appointed by the
13 court to represent him shall not in and of itself, be evidence
14 of his inability to pay the fine imposed and such person shall
15 be incarcerated until the fine is paid in full.

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