

HOUSE No. 1962

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Joan M. Menard, Nicholas J. Costello, Christopher J. Hodgkins, Thomas M. Gallagher, Barbara Hildt and Mary Jeanette Murray relative to the compensation of rape victims. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF RAPE VICTIMS.

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 5 of Chapter 258A, as amended by Chapter 459 of the
- 2 Acts of 1980, is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the following: —
- 4 No compensation shall be paid, except in the case of rape, unless
- 5 the claimant has incurred an out-of-pocket loss of at least \$100 or
- 6 has lost two continuous weeks of earnings or support, out-of-
- 7 pocket loss shall mean unreimbursed or unreimbursable expenses
- 8 reasonably incurred for medical care, or other services necessary, as
- 9 a result of the injury upon which such claim is based; and in the case
- 10 of rape, out-of-pocket losses requiring compensation shall include
- 11 counseling and emergency funds for housing, but shall not include
- 12 funds for abortion or funds for counseling for abortion. One
- 13 hundred dollars shall be deducted from any award granted under
- 14 this chapter, except from awards granted to victims of rape.

By the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the following bills and resolutions were introduced and read twice and referred to the appropriate committees:

The Committee on Education

Reports the following bills and resolutions:

1. A bill to amend the Copyright Act of 1909.

2. A bill to amend the Copyright Act of 1909, as amended by the Copyright Act of 1931, and to provide for the registration of certain classes of works.

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