

HOUSE No. 1969

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Christopher J. Hodgkins and Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to require notification of the complainant of a defendant's tender of a plea of guilty to a lesser offense in certain plea bargaining procedures. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PLEA BARGAINING.

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 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 82A the following section: —

3 *Section 82B.* The administrative justice of the district courts
4 and the administrative justice of the Municipal Court of the City of
5 Boston shall prescribe forms for use in notification of the com-
6 plainant upon request of the complainant, regarding the defend-
7 ant's tender of a plea of guilty to a lesser offense and the right of the
8 complainant to make written recommendations before a plea is
9 accepted.

10 Pleas involving offenses punishable by the death penalty and the
11 reasons for them shall be disclosed in court and placed in the trial
12 records.

IN SENATE, January 10, 1964.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

18. To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Section 10

Section 11

Section 12

Section 13

Section 14

Section 15