

HOUSE No. 3273

By Mr. Switzler of Wellesley, petition of Royall H. Switzler, Andrew S. Natsios and another that provision be made for mandatory minimum prison sentences for use of firearms in the commission of certain offenses. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR USE OF FIREARMS IN THE COMMISSION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.

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 18B of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as inserted by
2 chapter 830 of the acts of 1974, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph: —

4 If a firearm as defined in Section One Hundred Twenty-one
5 (121), a rifle or shotgun, whether loaded or unloaded, is used in the
6 commission of any of the offenses set forth in section seventeen
7 (armed robbery) and eighteen (dangerous weapon; assault with
8 intent to rob or murder) or the use of such firearm, rifle or shotgun
9 is an element of conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed
10 herein, any person convicted of any of these offenses shall be
11 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than two
12 and one half years. Such sentence shall not be suspended, nor shall
13 such person be eligible for probation, parole, or furlough or receive
14 any deduction from their sentences for good conduct.

