

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3885

By Mr. McGrath of Watertown, petition of Richard M. McGrath that provision be made for capital punishment if the victim was killed in connection with the commission or attempted commission of rape. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR A CERTAIN CRIME.

*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 1. Section 1 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended is hereby further amended by striking out the first  
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—  
4 The unlawful killing of another person shall be murder in the  
5 first degree if said unlawful killing was committed in connection  
6 with the commission of rape or an attempt to commit rape.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 265, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out the first two sentences,  
3 as appearing in chapter 203 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence:— Whoever is guilty of  
5 murder in the first degree shall suffer the punishment of death.

