

SENATE . . . . No. 239.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, April 22, 1881.

The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message that relates to capital punishment, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

CHARLES Q. TIRRELL.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one.

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### AN ACT

To amend Section Four of Chapter One Hundred and Sixty of the General Statutes, relating to Murder.

*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 four of chapter one hundred and sixty of  
2 the General Statutes is hereby amended by the  
3 addition of the following words : “ *Provided*, that he  
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison  
5 for life when the jury return a unanimous request  
6 therefor with the verdict.”



