

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to provide a mandatory prison sentence for certain crimes against senior citizens. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PUNISHING THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS.

*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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 19, the following new sections: —

3 *Section 19A.* Whoever, being armed with a dangerous weapon,  
4 assaults a senior citizen with intent to rob or murder shall be  
5 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than  
6 twenty years.

7 *Section 19B.* Whoever, not being armed with a dangerous  
8 weapon, by force or violence, or by assault and putting in fear,  
9 robs, steals and takes from senior citizens money or their property  
10 which may be the subject of larceny, shall be punished by imprison-  
11 ment in the state prison for life or for any term of years but not less  
12 than five years.

13 *Section 19C.* Whoever commits larceny by stealing from the  
14 person of senior citizens shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
15 state prison for not more than ten years.

16 *Section 19D.* Whoever breaks and enters into the home or  
17 dwelling place of a senior citizen with the intent to rob, steal,  
18 burglarize, assault, or in any other manner harm or injure said  
19 senior citizen, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
20 prison for not more than ten years.

