

By Mr. Cain of Wilmington, petition of the Mass. Chiefs of Police Association relative to the imposition of a mandatory life sentence for armed entry into an occupied dwelling place. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A MANDATORY LIFE SENTENCE FOR ARMED ENTRY INTO AN OCCUPIED DWELLING PLACE.

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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 18a and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

3 Whoever, being armed with a dangerous weapon, enters an
4 occupied dwelling house with intent to do bodily harm to said
5 occupants, or with intent to commit felony, shall be punished by
6 imprisonment in the state prison for not less than ten years in the
7 state prison without suspension of said punishment, or benefit of
8 parole.

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