

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2588

By Mr. Hatch of Beverly, petition of Francis W. Hatch, Jr., and other members of the House that provision be made for mandatory minimum sentences for the use of firearms in the commission of certain crimes. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 paragraphs: —

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

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