

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., relative to the punishment of persons committing crimes against senior citizens. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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
2 inserting after section 19, the following new sections:—

3 *Section 19A:*—Whoever, being armed with a dangerous
4 weapon, assaults a senior citizen with intent to rob or murder
5 shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison for not
6 more than 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 any senior citizen money or other
10 property which may be the subject of larceny, shall be punished
11 by imprisonment in the State Prison for life or for any term of
12 years.

13 *Section 19C:* — Whoever, not being armed with a dangerous
14 weapon, by force and violence, or by assault and putting in fear,
15 robs, steals and takes from senior citizens money or other
16 property which may be the subject of larceny, shall be punished
17 by imprisonment in the State Prison for life or for any term of
18 years but not less than five years.

19 *Section 19D:* — Whoever commits larceny by stealing from
20 the person of senior citizens shall be punished by imprisonment in
21 the State Prison for not more than ten years.

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