

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, petition of Shirley Owens-Hicks and others relative to the penalty for false charges in certain criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Shirley Owens-Hicks	Patricia D. Jehlen
Benjamin Swan	Christine E. Canavan
Anne M. Paulsen	Barbara A. L'Italien

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FALSE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS.

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 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 38 the following section:—

3 Section 38A. Any person found to have deliberately brought a
4 false charge in seeking a criminal complaint shall make restitution
5 to the person accused for any costs, lost wages and attorneys' fees
6 and may be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars or by
7 imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

