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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 25, 1878.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order relative to the commitment of prisoners to the Reformatory Prison for Women, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

F. P. GOULDING.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

### AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Reformatory Prison for Women."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1    SECT. 1. Section seventeen of chapter three hun-  
2    dred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen  
3    hundred and seventy-four is hereby amended by  
4    adding at the end thereof the words, "for a term  
5    not less than three months; *provided, however,* that  
6    this statute shall not authorize the imposition of a  
7    sentence for any offence for a term longer than is  
8    now authorized by law upon conviction of such  
9    offence."

1    SECT. 2. Section twenty-one of said chapter is  
2    hereby amended by inserting between the words  
3    "not" and "more" in the last line thereof the  
4    words "less than three months nor," and also by  
5    adding at the end thereof the words, "*provided,*

6 *however*, if it appears to the court that the defend-  
7 ant has been previously convicted of any offence  
8 under either of said sections, she may, in the discre-  
9 tion of the court, be sentenced to the house of cor-  
10 rection, house of industry, or workhouse, as now  
11 provided by law.”

1     SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its pas-  
2 sage, provided that it shall have no application to  
3 offences already committed.

