

HOUSE No. 358.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 1888.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts, and certain other petitions in aid of the same, asking for such an amendment of chapter three hundred and five of the Acts of the year 1886 as will raise the "age of consent" from thirteen to eighteen years, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM F. WHARTON.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

AN ACT

To amend Section One of Chapter Three Hundred and Five of the Acts of the Year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-six Concerning the Punishment for Rape.

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 one of chapter three hundred and five
2 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 eighty-six is hereby amended in the second and
4 fourth lines thereof by striking out the word
5 "thirteen," in each of said lines, and inserting in
6 place thereof the word "fourteen."

