

By Mr. Ruane of Salem, petition of J. Michael Ruane for the imposition of capital punishment for the violation of certain drug control laws. Criminal Justice.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR CERTAIN CRIMES.

*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 1. Subsection (1) of section 32E of chapter 94C of  
2 the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (4)  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 (4) Ten thousand pounds or more be punished by imposition of  
5 the death penalty within ninety days of final conviction thereof,  
6 notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 32E of said chap-  
2 ter 94C is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (4) and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 (4) Two hundred grams or more be punished by imposition of  
5 the death penalty within ninety days of final conviction thereof,  
6 notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (c) of said section 34E of said chap-  
2 ter 94C is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (3) and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 (3) Two hundred grams or more be punished by imposition of  
5 the death penalty, within ninety days of final conviction thereof,  
6 notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

