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By Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, petition of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to increase the penalty for repeat convicted felons. Criminal Justice.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECIDIVIST STATUTE.

*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 274 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section 7, the  
3 following new section: —

4 Section 8. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
5 contrary, whoever is found guilty of a felony offense or whoever  
6 pleads guilty to a felony offense and it is shown that such offender  
7 has previously been finally convicted of two felony offenses or  
8 pleaded guilty to two felony offense, shall be punished by  
9 imprisonment in state prison for life, or for any term of not more  
10 than ninety-nine or less than twenty-five years; provided, however,  
11 that where said offense may result in a more severe punishment  
12 than provided in this section, such punishment shall remain in  
13 effect.

