

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4721**

By Mr. Collaro of Worcester, petition of Andrew Collaro that provision be made for a penalty for assault and battery during an attempted larceny from aged or infirmed persons. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY DURING AN ATTEMPTED LARCENY FROM AN AGED OR INFIRM PERSON AND FOR STEALING A HANDBAG FROM PERSONS.**

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

1 Whoever commits an assault and battery on an aged or infirm  
2 person during an attempted larceny from said person or whoever  
3 steals or attempts to steal a handbag from the person of a person  
4 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor  
5 more than two and one half years in the house of correction, and  
6 the execution or imposition of the sentence shall not be suspended  
7 and no probation or pardon shall be granted until the minimum  
8 imprisonment herein provided for the offense shall have been  
9 served.

10 For the purpose of this section an aged person shall be a person  
11 sixty-five years of age or older and an infirm person shall be a  
12 person whose infirmity is plainly obvious.

