

HOUSE No. 924

Accompanying the petition of M. J. Fitzgerald relative to the punishment for the theft of motor vehicles. Joint Judiciary. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

AN ACT

To prevent the Theft of Automobiles.

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. Any person convicted of stealing an auto-
2 mobile or conspiracy to steal an automobile, or receiving
3 an automobile, knowing the same to have been stolen, or
4 concealing any automobile thief, knowing him to be such,
5 or concealing any automobile, knowing the same to have
6 been stolen, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
7 state prison for not less than three nor more than five
8 years for the first offence, not less than five nor more than
9 ten years' imprisonment in the state prison for the sec-
10 ond offence, not less than ten nor more than fifteen years
11 for the third offence, and not less than twenty nor more
12 than twenty-five years for the fourth or any subsequent
13 offence.

14 In the event of any person convicted under this act
15 being under eighteen years of age, the above sentence
16 may be modified in the discretion of the court imposing
17 the sentence and in accordance with the General Laws
18 of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. This act is to be effective upon its
2 passage.

1 SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent here-
2 with are hereby repealed.

