

HOUSE No. 3528

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, petition of Robert M. Koczera and other members of the House for legislation to further regulate life sentences for the crime of murder. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING LIFE SENTENCES.

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 279 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 1B the following section: —
- 3 Section 1C. No sentence of imprisonment for life imposed
- 4 upon a person shall be reduced nor suspended, nor shall any such
- 5 person be eligible for probation, parole or furlough or receive any
- 6 deduction from his sentence for good conduct, provided, however,
- 7 the commissioner of correction may, on the recommendation of
- 8 the warden, superintendent or other persons in charge of a
- 9 correctional institution, grant to such person a temporary release
- 10 in the custody of an officer of such institution for the following
- 11 purposes only: to attend the funeral of a relative; to visit a critically
- 12 ill relative; to obtain emergency medical or psychiatric services
- 13 unavailable at said institution.

