

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4 3 3 7

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By Mr. Keverian of Everett (by request), petition of Jama A. White that certain criminal defendants be authorized to refuse an assignment of counsel. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPRESENTATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS.

*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 278 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 6 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 6A.* A defendant in any criminal proceeding shall
- 4 have the right to refuse an assignment of counsel, whether
- 5 made under the provisions of section thirty-four D of chapter
- 6 two hundred and twenty-one, a rule of court, or otherwise, and
- 7 shall have the right to represent himself or designate any
- 8 person to represent him at such proceeding.

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4337

By the members of the House of Representatives of the State of New York, in session assembled, the following bill was passed, with amendments, and the title of the bill is hereby declared to be:

## The Amendment of the Constitution

in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPRESENTATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New York in session assembled, and by the authority of the people of the State, that:

- 1 Chapter 278 of the General Law is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 6 the following section:
- 3 Section 6d. A defendant in any criminal proceeding shall
- 4 have the right to refuse an agreement to counsel, whether
- 5 made under the provisions of section thirteen (1) of chapter
- 6 two hundred and twenty-two, a bill of 1967, or otherwise, and
- 7 shall have the right to represent himself or designate any
- 8 person to represent him in such proceeding.