

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3695

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By Mr. Haynes of Boston, petition of Michael E. Haynes for legislation to abolish the death penalty.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY.

*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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 2, as most recently amended by section 12  
3 of chapter 731 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 2.* Whoever is guilty of murder in the first degree or  
6 murder in the second degree shall be punished by imprison-  
7 ment in the state prison for life. No person shall be eligible  
8 for parole under section one hundred and thirty-three A of  
9 chapter one hundred and twenty-seven while he is serving a  
10 life sentence for murder in the first degree, or if his sentence is  
11 commuted therefrom by the governor and council under the  
12 provisions of section one hundred and fifty-two.

The Bill Enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the Sixty-Ninth Congress, in the Second Session, February 18, 1906.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL LAWS.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 285 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 adding subsection 2 as thus recently amended in section 12
- 3 of chapter 285 of the acts of 1905, and inserting in place
- 4 thereof the following provision:—
- 5 Section 8. Whoever is guilty of murder in the first degree
- 6 shall be sentenced to the second degree shall be punished by
- 7 death in the state prison for life. No person shall be held
- 8 for parole under section one hundred and thirty-three A of
- 9 chapter one hundred and thirty-three which he is serving a
- 10 life sentence for murder in the first degree or if his sentence is
- 11 extended therefor by the governor and council under the
- 12 provisions of section one hundred and thirty-two.