

HOUSE No. 999

By Mr. Menton of Watertown, petition of the Americans for Democratic Action and Paul C. Menton relative to punishment in the state prison for life for the crime of murder. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER.

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 strik-
2 ing out section 2 as most recently amended by section 12 of
3 chapter 731 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 2.* Whoever is guilty of murder, whether in the
6 first degree or in the second degree, shall be punished by im-
7 prisonment in the state prison for life.

The State of Massachusetts, in the Senate and House of Representatives, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in the office of the Secretary of the State.

Public Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

As passed by the Senate and House of Representatives

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE

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 202 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 the following section:—
- 3 Section 2. Whoever is guilty of marriage without in the
- 4 first degree or in the second degree shall be punished by im-
- 5 prisonment in the state prison for life.