

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3311**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 19, 1962.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1284) of James R. Lawton that defendants in criminal proceedings be authorized to withdraw a plea of guilty at any time prior to imposition of sentence, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 3311).

For the committee,

SUMNER Z. KAPLAN.

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

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEFENDANT IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS TO CHANGE PLEA.

*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 in-  
2 serting after section 29A, inserted by section 1 of chapter 167  
3 of the acts of 1959, the following section: —

4 *Section 29B.* A defendant in any criminal proceeding in a  
5 district court may, after he has entered a plea of guilty, with-  
6 draw such plea as a matter of right at any time prior to imposi-  
7 tion of sentence by the court if he is represented by counsel.