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SENATE . . . . . No. 251

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 251) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to provide for mandatory sentences upon conviction for assault and battery on citizens during the commission of a handbag theft. Criminal Justice.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY SENTENCE ON CONVICTIONS OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON CITIZENS DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HANDBAG THEFT.

*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 two hundred sixty-five of the General Laws is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after section thirteen C inserted
- 3 by chapter six hundred eighteen of the acts of nineteen hun-
- 4 dred seventy-three the following section: —
- 5 *Section 13H.* Whoever commits an assault and battery upon
- 6 a person during the commission of a handbag theft shall be
- 7 punished by imprisonment for not less than six months nor
- 8 more than two and one-half years in a county house of cor-
- 9 rections or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or
- 10 both. The sentence imposed on such persons shall not be re-
- 11 duced nor suspended, nor shall any person so sentenced be
- 12 eligible for parole, probation or furlough or receive any de-
- 13 duction from the sentence for good conduct. Prosecution com-
- 14 menced under this section shall not be continued without a
- 15 finding or placed on file.

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