

HOUSE No. 4424

By Mr. Brett of Boston (by request), petition of Doris McCatter relative to the punishment of certain persons who refuse to provide for the support and maintenance of indigent parents. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REFERRING TO THE SUPPORT OF INDIGENT PARENTS.

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

1 Delete the first sentence of section 20 of chapter 273, last amend-
2 ed by section 80 of chapter 925 of 1973, and replace it with: — Any
3 person over eighteen who, being possessed of sufficient means,
4 unreasonably neglects or refuses to provide for the support and
5 maintenance of his parent, whether father or mother, residing in
6 the commonwealth, when such parent through misfortune and
7 without fault of his own is incapable of means of sustenance and
8 unable by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support and
9 maintain himself, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two
10 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or
11 both.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 2, 1966

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

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