

HOUSE No. 5582

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 29, 1986.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill concerning rights afforded victims, witnesses of family members (House, No. 156), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5582).

For the committee,

DAVID B. COHEN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RIGHTS AFFORDED CERTAIN VICTIMS, WITNESSES OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

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

- 1 Section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
- 3 clause (h) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—
- 4 (h) for victims to have the opportunity to inform the court of
- 5 the impact of the crime and to request the court to submit such
- 6 impact information to the parole board, for inclusion in said
- 7 board's records regarding the perpetrator or perpetrators of the
- 8 crimes against the victims.