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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James H. Fagan**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Certain Criminal Sentences.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James H. Fagan | 3rd Bristol |

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to Certain Criminal Sentences.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 279 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4B the following section:—  
Section 4C. The trial judge, in a district or superior court, upon his own motion or the written motion of a defendant filed within twenty-four months after the imposition of the sentence, within twenty-four months after receipt by the trial court of a rescript issued upon affirmance of the judgment or dismissal of the appeal, or within twenty-four months after entry of any order or judgment of an appellate court denying review of, or having the effect of upholding a judgment of conviction, may, upon such terms and conditions as he shall order, revise or revoke such sentence if it appears that justice may not have been done.