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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Gloria L. Fox**

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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 increasing the fines for prostitution.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Gloria L. Fox | 7th Suffolk |

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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 increasing the fines for prostitution..

 *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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 8, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 8.

Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person convicted of the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than one (1) year and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars ($500.00) and not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) for the first offense, not less than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) and not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the second offense, and not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) and not more than two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.

Section 8(a)

Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person charged with the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall, if the disposition of the charge is other than acquittal or dismissal, be assessed a civil fine of not less than two hundred dollars ($200.00) and not more than three hundred dollars ($300.00) for the first offense, not less than three hundred dollars ($300.00) and not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) for the second offense, and not less than five hundred dollars ($500.00) and not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.