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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Theodore C. Speliotis**

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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 imposing a life sentence as punishment for a second or subsequent conviction of the crime of rape.

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PETITION OF:

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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 imposing a life sentence as punishment for a second or subsequent conviction of the crime of rape. .

*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. Section 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 25 and line 26, the words “or for any term or years”.

SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 31 and line 32, the words “or for any term of years, but not less than 15 years”.

SECTION 3. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 7, the words “or for any term of years, but not less than five years”.

SECTION 4. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 14 and line 15, the words “or for any term of years, but not less than 20 years”.

SECTION 5. Section 23 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 6 and line 7, the words “or for any term of years, but not less than five years”.