

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1760**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam Scanlon and Hannah Kane*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish a DNA exception rule for victims of rape.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Quinn III</i>	<i>Bristol County District Attorney</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>9/14/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>10/17/2023</i>

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By Representatives Scanlon of North Attleborough and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1760) of Adam Scanlon, Hannah Kane and others relative to the statute of limitations for the crime of rape and establishing a DNA exception rule. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to establish a DNA exception rule for victims 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:*

- 1 Notwithstanding the first paragraph, in the case of a victim of a crime set forth in section
- 2 22 of chapter 265, if DNA is matched to a rape then the period of limitation for prosecution shall
- 3 be extended indefinitely beyond the 15 year statute of limitations.