

**SENATE . . . . . No. 942**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brendan P. Crighton***

*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 promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/18/2023</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>8/9/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/13/2023</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>11/13/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>12/1/2023</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/2/2024</i>

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 942) of Brendan P. Crighton, Cynthia Stone Creem, Mike Connolly, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 920 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults.

*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 1. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the sixtieth clause as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of  
3 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:- Sixtieth, “Age of criminal majority”  
4 shall mean the age of “19.”

5           SECTION 2. Said clause of said section 7 of said chapter 4 is further amended by striking  
6 out the number “19,” inserting in place thereof the following number:- “20”

7           SECTION 3. Said clause of said section 7 of said chapter 4 is further amended by striking  
8 out the number “20,” and inserting in place thereof the following number:- “21”

9 SECTION 4. Section 167 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in all instances, the number “18” and  
11 inserting in place thereof the following word:- “criminal majority”

12 SECTION 5. Section 20 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 10 the words “18 years” and inserting  
14 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority.”

15 SECTION 6. Section 24 of chapter 37 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 14 the number “18” and inserting in  
17 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority.”

18 SECTION 7. Section 98F of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended by section 26  
19 of chapter 69 of the acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out, in clause (iv) of the last  
20 sentence, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the  
21 age of criminal majority.

22 SECTION 8. Section 32H of chapter 94C, so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
23 out in the second paragraph, as amended by section 21 of chapter 72 of the Acts of 2020, the  
24 words “18 years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has  
25 attained the age of criminal majority.”

26 SECTION 9. Section 32H of chapter 94C of the General Laws, so appearing, is hereby  
27 amended by striking out in the second paragraph, as amended by section 21 of chapter 72 of the  
28 Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “the age of criminal  
29 majority”

30 SECTION 10. Section 32M of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
31 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 1 the word “eighteen” and inserting in  
32 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

33 SECTION 11. Section 32M of chapter 94C of the General Law, as appearing in the 2020  
34 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 6 the number “18” and inserting in  
35 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

36 SECTION 12. Section 36 of chapter 94C of the General Law, as appearing in the 2020  
37 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 6 the words “their eighteenth  
38 birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-“the age of criminal majority”

39 SECTION 13. Section 52 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
40 out, in the definition of “delinquent child” as amended by section 72 of chapter 69 of the Acts of  
41 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal  
42 majority”

43 SECTION 14. Section 52 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
44 striking out, in the definition of “youthful offender,” as amended by section 72 of chapter 69 of  
45 the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age  
46 of criminal majority”

47 SECTION 15. Section 54 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
48 out, in the first paragraph as amended by section 73 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words  
49 “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal  
50 majority”

51 SECTION 16. Section 54 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
52 striking out, in the second paragraph as amended by section 73 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020,  
53 the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal  
54 majority”

55 SECTION 17. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
56 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words in lines 8 to 12, inclusive “that any  
57 such probation may be imposed until such child reaches age eighteen or age nineteen in the case  
58 of a child whose case is disposed of after he has attained his eighteenth birthday or age 20 in the  
59 case of a child whose case is disposed of after he attains his nineteenth birthday”, and inserting in  
60 place thereof the following words:- “that any such probation may, in the case of an offense that  
61 occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday, be imposed until such child reaches age 18 or  
62 19 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child has attained the child’s  
63 eighteenth birthday or age 20 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child  
64 attains the child’s nineteenth birthday. In the case of an offense that occurred on or after the  
65 child’s eighteenth birthday, such probation may be imposed until such child reaches age 19 or  
66 age 20 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child has attained the child’s  
67 nineteenth birthday, or age 21 in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after the child  
68 attains the child’s twentieth birthday.”

69 SECTION 18. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
70 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “after he attains his twentieth  
71 birthday”, in line 12, the following words:- “or age 22 in the case of a child whose case is  
72 disposed of after the child attains the child’s twenty-first birthday”

73 SECTION 19. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
74 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “his twenty-first  
75 birthday”, in line 12, the following words:- “or age 23 in the case of a child whose case is  
76 disposed of after the child attains the child’s twenty-second birthday”

77 SECTION 20. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
78 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “attains the age of eighteen”, in  
79 lines 26 to 27, inclusive, the following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the  
80 child’s eighteenth birthday.”

81 SECTION 21. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
82 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “nineteenth birthday”, in lines  
83 29 to 30, inclusive, the following words:- “In a case where the offense occurred on or after the  
84 child’s eighteenth birthday, the probationary or commitment period shall not be for a period  
85 longer than until such child attains the age of nineteen, or twenty in the case of a child whose  
86 case is disposed of after such child has attained their nineteenth birthday, or twenty-one in the  
87 case of a child whose case is disposed of after such child has attained their twentieth birthday.”

88 SECTION 22. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
89 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “ twentieth birthday” the  
90 following words:- “or twenty-two in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after such  
91 child has attained their twenty-first birthday.”

92 SECTION 23. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
93 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-first birthday”, the  
94 following words:- “or twenty-two in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after they have

95 attained their twenty-first birthday, or twenty-three in the case of a child whose case is disposed  
96 of after they have attained their twenty-second birthday.”

97 SECTION 24. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
98 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 38, the  
99 following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday,  
100 or until he reaches the age of twenty- three in the case of a child whose offense occurred on or  
101 after the child’s eighteenth birthday.”

102 SECTION 25. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
103 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 54, the  
104 following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday,  
105 or until they reach the age of twenty-three in the case of a child whose offense occurred on or  
106 after the child’s eighteenth birthday”

107 SECTION 26. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
108 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “juvenile court probation  
109 department until the age of twenty-one”, in line 48, the following words:- “in a case where the  
110 offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday, or until the age of twenty-three in the  
111 case of a child whose offense occurred on or after the child’s eighteenth birthday.”

112 SECTION 27. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
113 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “twenty-one”, in line 54, the  
114 following words:- “in a case where the offense occurred prior to the child’s eighteenth birthday,  
115 or until they reach the age of twenty-three in the case of a child whose offense occurred on or  
116 after the child’s eighteenth birthday”

117 SECTION 28. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
118 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “eighteenth”, in line 79, and  
119 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “twenty-first”

120 SECTION 29. Said section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
121 2020 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “the Massachusetts  
122 Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction, prior to his eighteenth birthday”, in lines 78 to 79, and  
123 inserting in place thereof the following words:-

124 “any prison owned, operated, administered or subject to the control of the department of  
125 correction including, but not limited to: Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction;  
126 Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk; Massachusetts Correctional Institution,  
127 Concord; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Framingham; Massachusetts Correctional  
128 Institution, Bridgewater; Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Plymouth; Massachusetts  
129 Correctional Institution, Warwick; and Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Monroe, prior to  
130 his twenty-first birthday.”

131 SECTION 30. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
132 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “until such child attains his  
133 eighteenth birthday or his nineteenth birthday in the case of a child whose case is disposed of  
134 after he has attained his eighteenth birthday”, in lines 97 to 99, inclusive, and inserting the  
135 following words:- “until such child attains their nineteenth birthday or their twentieth birthday in  
136 the case of a child whose case is disposed of after they have attained their nineteenth birthday”

137 SECTION 31. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
138 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “ until such child attains his



139 nineteenth birthday or his twentieth birthday in the case of a child whose case is disposed of after  
140 he has attained his nineteenth birthday”, in lines 97 to 99, inclusive, and inserting the following  
141 words:- “until such child attains their twentieth birthday or their twenty-first birthday in the case  
142 of a child whose case is disposed of after they have attained their twentieth birthday”

143 SECTION 32. Section 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
144 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out the words“ until such child attains his  
145 twentieth birthday or his twenty-first birthday in the case of a child whose case is disposed of  
146 after he has attained his twentieth birthday”, in lines 97 to 99, inclusive, and inserting the  
147 following words:- “until such child attains their twenty-first or their twenty-second birthday in  
148 the case of a child whose case is disposed of after they have attained their twenty-first birthday”

149 SECTION 33. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
150 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 17 the words “ eighteenth birthdays”  
151 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

152 SECTION 34. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
153 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 20 the words, “been age 18 older” and  
154 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal majority”

155 SECTION 35. Section 60A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
156 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 22 the number, “were age 18 or older”  
157 where it so appears and inserting in place thereof the following number:- “attained the age of  
158 criminal majority”

159 SECTION 36. Section 63A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
160 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 1 the words “is 19 years of age” and  
161 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal majority”

162 SECTION 37. Section 63A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
163 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the number “18” and inserting in  
164 place thereof the following number:- “criminal majority”

165 SECTION 38. Section 65 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
166 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the words “18 years of age” and  
167 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

168 SECTION 39. Section 66 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
169 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 and 5 the words “18 years of age”  
170 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

171 SECTION 40. Section 67 of Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
172 out in subsection (a), subsection (b), and subsection (d) as amended by section 76 of chapter 69  
173 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following  
174 words:- “the age of criminal majority”

175 SECTION 41. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in section  
176 68 as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in  
177 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

178 SECTION 42. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in section  
179 68 as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age” and  
180 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

181 SECTION 43. Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in section  
182 68A as amended by section 77 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age”  
183 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

184 SECTION 44. Section 70 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
185 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the words “18 years of age”  
186 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

187 SECTION 45. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
188 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2 through 3, inclusive, the  
189 words “their eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of  
190 criminal majority”

191 SECTION 46. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
192 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 9 the word “ twentieth” and  
193 inserting in place thereof the following words:-“twenty-first”

194 SECTION 47. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
195 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “twenty-first” in line 9 and  
196 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “twenty-second”

197 SECTION 48. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
198 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “twenty-second” and inserting  
199 in place thereof the following words:- “twenty-third”

200 SECTION 49. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
201 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 to 13, inclusive, the words “  
202 prior to his eighteenth birthday, and is not apprehended until between such child’s eighteenth and  
203 nineteenth birthday, the court shall deal with such child in the same manner as if he has not  
204 attained his eighteenth birthday and all provisions and rights applicable to a child under 18 shall  
205 apply to such child.” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

206 “prior to attaining the age of criminal majority, and is not apprehended until between  
207 such child’s attainment of the age of criminal majority and the subsequent birthday, the court  
208 shall deal with such child in the same manner as if they have not attained the age of criminal  
209 majority and all provisions and rights applicable to a child under 18 shall apply to such child.”

210 SECTION 50. Subsection (b) of section 72 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as  
211 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “their  
212 eighteenth birthday”, in line 18, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-the age of  
213 criminal majority

214 SECTION 51. Section 72 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
215 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “twenty-first”, in line 25, and  
216 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “twenty-third”

217 SECTION 52. Section 72A of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
218 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 2 to 3 inclusive, the words “his

219 eighteenth birthday, and is not apprehended until after his nineteenth birthday,” and inserting in  
220 place thereof the following:-

221 “attaining the age of criminal majority, and is not apprehended until after their  
222 subsequent birthday”

223 SECTION 53. Section 72B of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
224 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in all instances, the words “his  
225 eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attaining the age of  
226 criminal majority”

227 SECTION 54. Section 74 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
228 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 through 4, inclusive, the  
229 words “his eighteenth birthday” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-“attaining the  
230 age of criminal majority”

231 SECTION 55. Section 74 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
232 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 10 and 14 the words “18 years  
233 of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

234 SECTION 56. Section 84 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
235 striking out in the first paragraph as amended by section 78 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, the  
236 words“eighteen (or nineteen) years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
237 “the age of criminal majority (or one year older)”

238 SECTION 57. Section 86 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
239 out in the definition of “Juvenile” of subsection (a) as amended by section 80 of chapter 69 of the  
240 Acts of 2020, the number “21” and inserting in place thereof the following number:- “23”

241 SECTION 58. Section 89 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
242 out in the definition of “Juvenile” of subsection (a) as amended by section 80 of chapter 69 of the  
243 Acts of 2020, the number “18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “criminal  
244 majority”

245 SECTION 59. Section 89 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
246 out in the definition of “Juvenile” of subsection (a) as amended by section 80 of chapter 69 of the  
247 Acts of 2020, the number “22” and inserting in place thereof the following number:- “23”

248 SECTION 60. Section 15 of chapter 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
249 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 3 and 4 the number “18” and  
250 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

251 SECTION 61. Section 21 of chapter 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
252 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 6, 9, and 10 the word “conviction”  
253 and inserting in place thereof the following word:- “adjudication”

254 SECTION 62. Said section 21 of said chapter 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
255 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 17 the words “18 years of  
256 age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “the age of criminal majority”

257 SECTION 63. Section 2A of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
258 hereby amended by striking out in subsection (f) as amended by section 107 of chapter 69 of the

259 Acts of 2020, the words “18 years of age” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
260 “the age of criminal majority”

261 SECTION 64. Section 13 of chapter 250 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
262 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the number “18” and inserting in  
263 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

264 SECTION 65. Section 2 of chapter 258E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
265 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 7 the number “18” and inserting in  
266 place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

267 SECTION 66. Section 15A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
268 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 24 the words “18 years of age” and  
269 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal majority”

270 SECTION 67. Section 15A of said chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
271 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 46 the words “is 18 years of age  
272 or over” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “has attained the age of criminal  
273 responsibility”

274 SECTION 68. Section 15B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
275 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 24 the words “ 18 years of age or  
276 over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- who has attained the age of criminal  
277 majority

278 SECTION 69. Section 18 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
279 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 26 the number “18 years of over” and  
280 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal majority”

281 SECTION 70. Section 18B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
282 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 43 the words “18 years of age or over”  
283 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
284 majority”

285 SECTION 71. Section 19 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
286 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 23 the words “18 years of age or over”  
287 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
288 majority”

289 SECTION 72. Section 43 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
290 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 56 and 89 the words “18 years of age  
291 or over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of  
292 criminal majority”

293 SECTION 73. Section 59 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as added by section 132 of  
294 chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the number “18” and inserting  
295 in place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

296 SECTION 74. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
297 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 53 the words “18 years of age or  
298 older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
299 majority”



300 SECTION 75. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
301 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking in line 55 the number “18” and inserting in place  
302 thereof the words:- “the age of criminal majority”

303 SECTION 76. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
304 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 223 and 225 the words “18 years of  
305 age or over” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
306 majority”

307 SECTION 77. Section 10E of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
308 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 40 through 41, inclusive, the words  
309 “18 years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained  
310 the age of criminal majority”

311 SECTION 78. Section 10E of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
312 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking out in line 42 the number “18” and  
313 inserting in place thereof the words:- “the age of criminal majority”

314 SECTION 79. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
315 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 4 and 28 the words “18 years of age  
316 or over” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of  
317 criminal majority”

318 SECTION 80. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
319 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 32 the number “18” and inserting in  
320 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

321 SECTION 81. Section 10F of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
322 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 50 the words “17 years of age or over”  
323 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
324 majority”

325 SECTION 82. Section 10G of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
326 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 34 the words “18 years of age or over”  
327 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “who has attained the age of criminal  
328 majority”

329 SECTION 83. Section 87 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
330 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 7 the number “18” and inserting in  
331 place thereof the following words:-“criminal majority”

332 SECTION 84. Said section 87 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
333 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 14 and 15, inclusive, the words  
334 “was eighteen years of age or older” and inserting in place thereof the words:- “had attained the  
335 age of criminal majority”

336 SECTION 85. Section 89A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
337 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the number “18” and inserting in  
338 place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

339 SECTION 86. Section 89B of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as added by section 183  
340 of chapter 69 of the Acts of 2020, is hereby amended by striking out the words “are 18 to 24”  
341 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “attained the age of criminal majority and  
342 are under 25”

343 SECTION 87. Section 100D of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
344 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 8 the number “17” and inserting  
345 in place thereof the following words:- “criminal majority”

346 SECTION 88. Section 6B of chapter 280 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
347 amended by striking out in the first paragraph as amended by section 209 of chapter 69 of the  
348 Acts of 2020, the words “18 years” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “criminal  
349 majority”

350 SECTION 89. Sections 1, 30, and 46 are hereby repealed.

351 SECTION 90. Section 89 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

352 SECTION 91. Sections 2, 31, and 47 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

353 SECTION 92. Sections 18 and 22, shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

354 SECTION 93. Section 91 is hereby repealed.

355 SECTION 94. Section 93 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

356 SECTION 95. Sections 3, 19, 23, 32, and 48 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.