

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1350**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon***

*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 amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2015</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1350) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to eliminating the statute of limitations on an indictment or complaint alleging certain offenses of indecent assault and battery or rape. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

*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. Chapter 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 of section 63, as so appearing, the following paragraph: -

3           Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an indictment or complaint alleging  
4 an offense of indecent assault and battery, or an offense of rape, may be found and filed at any  
5 time after the commission of such offense, provided that the victim was under the age of 18  
6 when the offense was committed.