

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1273**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward F. Coppinger*

*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 relative to eliminating the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts for criminal cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph DiPietro</i>	<i>Protect Mass Children 1150 Walnut Street Newton, MA 02461</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>

*Bradford Hill*

*4th Essex*

*Marc T. Lombardo*

*22nd Middlesex*

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By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1273) of Edward F. Coppinger and others for legislation to eliminate the statute of limitations for sex crimes in criminal cases. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to eliminating the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts for criminal cases.

*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 Section 63 of the General Laws, as amended by sections 67 to  
2 69, inclusive, of chapter 267 of the acts of 2010, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3 4th sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence.

4 An indictment for murder may be found at any time after the death of the person alleged  
5 to have been murdered. An indictment or complaint for an offense set forth in section 13B,  
6 13B½, 13H, 13F, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, 23B, 24, 24B, 26, 26D, 26C, or 44 of chapter  
7 265, section 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 28, 29A, 29B, 29C, 35, 35A or 53A (C) of chapter 272, or for  
8 conspiracy to commit any of these offenses or as an accessory thereof or one or more of them  
9 may be found and filed at any time after the date of the commission of such offense.

10 There shall be a three (3) year retroactive window for plaintiffs to file any and all such  
11 claims.