

**SENATE . . . . . No. 909**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 909) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 805 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts.

*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 63 of chapter 277 of the General Laws, as amended by sections 67  
2 to 69, inclusive, of chapter 267 of the acts of 2014, 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, 23, 23B, 24, 24B, 26, 26D, 26C, or 44 of chapter 265, section 3,  
7 4, 4A, 4B, 28, 29A, 29B, 29C, 35, 35A, or 53A (C) of chapter 272, or for conspiracy to commit  
8 either of these offenses or as an accessory thereto or any 1 or more of them may be found and  
9 filed at any time after the date of the commission of such offense.

10           Such a claim will not be allowable unless:

- 11 (a) A licensed Massachusetts psychologist supports said claim(s) of the victim.
- 12 (b) Legal counsel is willing to represent the victim.
- 13 (c) The district attorney in the county in which the alleged crime(s) occurred supports the  
14 indictment or the alleged perpetrator.
- 15 There shall be a three year retroactive window for plaintiffs to file such claims.