

HOUSE No. 1371

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to increasing the fines for prostitution..

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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 8, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

3 Section 8.

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person convicted of the crime of soliciting
5 for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall be punished by
6 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than one (1) year and shall be punished by
7 a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than seven hundred fifty
8 dollars (\$750.00) for the first offense, not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and not
9 more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the second offense, and not less than one
10 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the third
11 offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.

12 Section 8(a)

13 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person charged with the crime of soliciting
14 for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall, if the disposition of
15 the charge is other than acquittal or dismissal, be assessed a civil fine of not less than two
16 hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first
17 offense, not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and not more than five hundred dollars
18 (\$500.00) for the second offense, and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more
19 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent offense
20 thereafter.