

HOUSE No. 1735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act imposing a life sentence as punishment for a second or subsequent conviction of the crime of rape..

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 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 25 and line 26, the words “or for any
3 term or years”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 31 and line 32, the words “or for any
6 term of years, but not less than 15 years”.

7 SECTION 3. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 7, the words “or for any term of years,
9 but not less than five years”.

10 SECTION 4. Section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 14 and line 15, the words “or for any
12 term of years, but not less than 20 years”.

13 SECTION 5. Section 23 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
14 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting, in line 6 and line 7, the words “or for any term
15 of years, but not less than five years”.