

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 490**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Byron Rushing***

*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 repeal of certain archaic laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 490) of Byron Rushing and others relative to the repeal or reform of certain archaic laws. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3536 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the repeal of certain archaic laws.

*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 Section 16A of Chapter 264 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.

2 SECTION 2. Section 24 of Chapter 265 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.

3 SECTION 3. Section 18 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 4. Section 26 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.

5 SECTION 5. Section 34 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words “commits the abominable and detestable  
7 crime against nature, either with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the words:—  
8 engages in sexual relations.

9 SECTION 6. Section 35 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, is hereby repealed.