HOUSE No. 1346

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos Gonzalez

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 penalties for crimes against seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Carlos Gonzalez	10th Hampden	1/16/2015
Jose F. Tosado	9th Hampden	9/18/2019
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	3/3/2015
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	3/3/2015
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/26/2015
Carmine L. Gentile	13th Middlesex	2/4/2015
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	3/2/2015
Rady Mom	18th Middlesex	2/4/2015
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex	3/4/2015
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	9/18/2019
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	2/4/2015
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden	2/4/2015
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk	3/2/2015
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	3/2/2015

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1346) of Carlos Gonzalez and others relative to penalties for crimes against seniors. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to penalties for crimes against seniors.

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. Subsection (a) of section 13K of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
- 2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition
- 3 "Person with disability" the following definition:-
- 4 "Senior housing", housing created pursuant to sections 39 to 41, inclusive, of chapter
- 5 121B for elderly persons of low income.
- 6 SECTION 2. Said section 13K of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further
- 7 amended by inserting after the word "elder", in lines 70, 75, 81, 87, 90, 96, 98, 104, 106, 113 and
- 8 in lines 118 to 119, inclusive, the following words:- person residing in senior housing.
- 9 SECTION 3. Said section 13K of said chapter 265, as so appearing is hereby further
- amended by adding the following subsection:-
- 11 (g) Whenever any person has been convicted of subsections (a½) to (e), inclusive, when
- 12 the victim of such crime is an elder or a person residing in senior housing, the person convicted

shall register annually for 5 consecutive years with the office of probation, which shall maintain a central registry of all such persons. The registration shall include (i) the offender's home address and any secondary addresses; (ii) the offender's work address; (iii) the offender's age, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color; (iv) a photograph of the offender; and (v) whether the offender is in compliance with the registration requirement of this subsection. Whoever fails to register as required by this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.