

**SENATE . . . . . No. 865**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joan B. Lovely***

*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 amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 865) of Joan B. Lovely, Michael O. Moore, Walter F. Timilty, Barbara L'Italien and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child. The Judiciary.

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

An Act amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

*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 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 of section 63, as so appearing, the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an indictment or complaint alleging  
4 an offense of indecent assault and battery, or an offense of rape, may be found and filed at any  
5 time after the commission of such offense, provided that the victim was under the age of 18  
6 when the offense was committed.