

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2314**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, Jr.***

*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 to extend statute of limitations for incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>DA Marian T. Ryan</i>	<i>15 Commonwealth Ave. Woburn, MA 01801</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/21/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2314) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and others relative to extending the statute of limitations for incest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1443 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to extend statute of limitations for incest.

*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. The second paragraph of Section 63 of Chapter 277, is hereby amended to  
2 provide as follows: -

3           Notwithstanding the first paragraph, if a victim of a crime set forth in section 13B, 13F,  
4 13H, 22, 22A, 23, 24B, 26A or 50 of chapter 265, or section 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,  
5 26, 28, 29A, 29B, 33, 34, 35 or 35A of chapter 272 is under the age of 16 at the time the crime is  
6 committed, or, if a victim of section 17 of chapter 272 is under the age of 18 at the time the  
7 crime is committed, the period of limitation for prosecution shall not commence until the victim  
8 has reached the age of 16 (or has reached age 18 if a victim of section 17 of chapter 272) or the  
9 violation is reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever occurs earlier.