

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3261**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Heroux***

*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 conducting study on sexual recidivism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3261) of Paul R. Heroux, Kay Khan and Denise Provost that the joint legislative committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security appoint an independent organization to study the rates of sexual recidivism of certain sex offenders. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to conducting study on sexual recidivism.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or any  
2 regulation, a study of the rates of sexual recidivism of Level 1, 2 and 3 offenders shall be  
3 conducted by an independent organization that shall be selected by the Legislative Joint  
4 Committee on Public Safety and Security to help determine whether the current classification  
5 system is accurately classifying offenders. The study shall provide general information on the  
6 sexual recidivism rates of classified sex offenders and shall include the type of sexual recidivism  
7 to determine the degree of dangerousness, which is part of the classification level.

8 The study shall examine five years sexual recidivism rates beginning with offenders  
9 classified in 2004. Recidivism rates shall be measured by tabulating new sex offense charges by  
10 reviewing new CORI sex offense convictions. In addition to recidivism rates by classification  
11 level, the study should include a) the age of the sex offenders who have recidivated to determine  
12 whether sex offenders in the Commonwealth follow the national trend of lower recidivism rates

13 after age 40; b) recidivism rates of juveniles as compared to adults; c) recidivism rates of females  
14 as compared to adults; and incidence of noncontact offenders who recidivate by committing a  
15 contact sex offense.

16 A report on the results of the study shall be filed with the clerks of the Senate and House  
17 of Representatives on or before December 31, 2017.

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