

SENATE No. 836

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 crime of incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eileen M. Donoghue

District Attorney Marian T. Ryan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 836) of Eileen M. Donoghue and District Attorney Marian T. Ryan for legislation relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to the crime of 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. Section 63 of chapter 277 is hereby amended, in line 28, by striking out the
2 figure “17”.

3 SECTION 2. Section 63 of chapter 277 is hereby amended by inserting after the second
4 paragraph the following paragraph:-

5 “Notwithstanding the first paragraph, if a victim of a crime set forth in section 17 of
6 chapter 272 is under the age of 16 at the time the crime is committed, the period of limitation for
7 prosecution shall not commence until the victim has reached the age of 18 or the violation is
8 reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever occurs earlier.”