

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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 regarding DNA exception rule for victims of rape.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>10/31/2020</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the statute of limitations for certain crimes of rape. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act regarding DNA exception rule for victims of rape.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 "Notwithstanding the first paragraph, in the case of a victim of a crime set forth in
2 section 22 of chapter 265, if DNA is matched to a rape kit at least 15 years since the crime took
3 place, then the period of limitation for prosecution shall be extended indefinitely beyond the 15
4 year statute of limitations."