

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1671

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

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*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 ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/13/2019</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1671) of Anne M. Gobi, Edward J. Kennedy, Todd M. Smola, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime. Revenue.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act to ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime.

*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. When a defendant is released from custody or probation and a restitution  
2   order has not been paid in full to a victim or family member as defined in section 1 of chapter  
3   258B, the department of revenue shall collect the unpaid amount by withholding the wages of the  
4   offender. Any withholding of income shall take effect immediately when the offender is found  
5   in violation or contempt of an order of restitution, including a default in payment or any  
6   installment of payment as ordered.

7           The department of revenue shall establish a division of restitution enforcement which  
8   shall be provided, subject to appropriation, with such resources as may be necessary to  
9   implement the provisions of this section. The commissioner may promulgate regulations for the  
10   effective administration of the restitution enforcement program.