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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>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1722) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Christopher Hendricks and Hannah Kane relative to extending the statute of limitations for incest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1489 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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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.