

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1871**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Anne M. Gobi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1871) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime. Revenue.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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