

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 statute of limitations in rape, assault and human trafficking crimes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>9/1/2022</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/1/2022</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>9/1/2022</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>9/20/2022</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins, Joan B. Lovely, Paul J. Donato and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the statute of limitations in rape, assault and human trafficking crimes. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the statute of limitations in rape, assault and human trafficking crimes.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect the public by holding those who commit sex crimes accountable, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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 63 of chapter 277 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 16, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the
- 3 following figure:- "30."