

HOUSE No. 1587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, 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 relative to juvenile restitution.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1587) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to authorizing the courts of the Commonwealth to establish a system of juvenile restitution. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1684 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to juvenile restitution.

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. Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 62 the following new section:-

3 “Section 62A. The court shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that restitution is
4 made to the victim of a juvenile offender. The court shall order that the juvenile be required to
5 repair, replace or otherwise make restitution for damage or loss caused by his wrongful act and
6 may impose fines in limited amounts. Restitution shall be made a condition of release,
7 placement, or parole by the juvenile court. In cases where the court determines it is appropriate,
8 the court may order the juvenile to make restitution directly to the court in the form of financial
9 payments, which shall then be turned over to the victim of the offense. The court may issue such

- 10 orders as are necessary for the collection of restitution, including garnishments, wage
- 11 withholdings, and executions.”