

SENATE No. 1060

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 provide a DNA exception for statute of limitations on sex offenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1060) of Mark C. Montigny, Adam Scanlon, Michael O. Moore, James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to provide a DNA exception for statute of limitations on sex offenses. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1096 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act to provide a DNA exception for statute of limitations on sex offenses.

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 so appearing in the 2020 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding the first paragraph, a prosecution for a sex offense, as defined in section
4 178C of chapter 6, may be commenced at any time if forensic evidence, as defined in section 220
5 of chapter 111, has been collected and preserved, and if such forensic evidence can be subjected
6 to DNA analysis, as defined in section 1 of chapter 22E, that can establish the identity of the
7 defendant.