

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1848**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Lipper-Garabedian***

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*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 judicial discretion for probation.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1848) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to judicial discretion for probation. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1634 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to judicial discretion for probation.

*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 87 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following paragraph:-

3           “A judge may exercise discretion in placing a defendant on probation and consider the  
4 following:

5           (i) age;

6           (ii) nature of the defendant’s military service, if any;

7           (iii) education;

8           (iv) injuries or wounds sustained;

9           (v) military discipline record, if the defendant served in the military;

- 10 (vi) past and current medical status;
- 11 (vii) family and medical psychological reports;
- 12 (viii) nature of past criminal convictions, if any;
- 13 (ix) age of previous criminal convictions, if any;
- 14 (x) employment status;
- 15 (xi) arrest record;
- 16 (xii) nature of current criminal matter and, if violent, the nature and extent of any injuries  
17 to the victim and the relationship of victim to defendant;
- 18 (xiii) the availability of family and community support systems;
- 19 (xiv) the proposed probation terms; and
- 20 (xv) any other facts or circumstances having a bearing on pre-trial probation."