

SENATE No. 1165

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>6/25/2025</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>11/24/2025</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1165) of Joan B. Lovely and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to amend the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1039 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act amending the statute of limitations regarding criminal prosecutions for the crimes of sexual assault and rape of a child.

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 is hereby amended by inserting at the end
2 thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an indictment or complaint alleging
4 an offense of indecent assault and battery, or an offense of rape, may be found and filed at any
5 time after the commission of such offense, provided that the victim was under the age of 18
6 when the offense was committed.