

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1192**

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**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>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Swezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1192) of Mark C. Montigny, Christopher Hendricks, Dennis C. Gallagher, Steven George Xiarhos and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide a DNA exception for statute of limitations on sex offenses. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1060 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 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.