

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 extend the statute of limitations for human trafficking.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1027 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to extend the statute of limitations for human trafficking.

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 4D of chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 (b) A civil action for trafficking of persons for forced labor or services or sexual
4 servitude shall be commenced within 10 years of the date on which the human trafficking victim
5 was freed from human trafficking or, if the victim was a child during the commission of the
6 offense, within 10 years after the date the plaintiff attains the age of 18.