

SENATE No.

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:

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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.