

## 9) Repeal of archaic and/or unconstitutional statutes

The commission is discussing whether to recommend a statutory change that repeals certain statutes that are archaic and / or unconstitutional. The statutes under discussion follows:

G.L. c. 264 § 9 criminalizing the manner of playing the National Anthem "Star Spangled Banner"

G.L. c. 264 § 16A declaring the communist party a subversive organization;

G.L. c. 264 § 22 punishing those who permit an auditorium to be used by the Communist Party;

G.L. c. 270 § 14 criminalizing spitting

G.L. c. 272 § 14 criminalizing adultery;

G.L. c. 272 § 18 criminalizing fornication;

G.L. c. 272 § 19 criminalizing procuring miscarriage

G.L. c. 272 § 21A criminalizing procuring miscarriage

G.L. c. 272 § 33 criminalizing exhibition of deformities

G.L. c. 272 § 34 criminalizing "the abominable and detestable crime against nature";

G.L. c. 272 § 36 criminalizing blasphemy; and

G.L. c. 272 § 36A criminalizing obscene or impure language at a participant or an official in a sporting event

G.L. c. 272 §§ 63-69 defining tramps, vagrants, and vagabonds and allowing for their arrest without warrant