

HOUSE No. 1428

By Ms. Fox of Boston, petition of Gloria L. Fox relative to increasing the fines for prostitution. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE FINES FOR PROSTITUTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 8, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

3 Section 8.

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person convicted of
5 the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under General Laws
6 chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall be punished by imprison-
7 ment in the house of correction for not more than one (1) year and
8 shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars
9 (\$500.00) and not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)
10 for the first offense, not less than seven hundred fifty dollars
11 (\$750.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for
12 the second offense, and not less than one thousand dollars
13 (\$1,000.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for
14 the third offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.

15 Section 8(a)

16 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person charged
17 with the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under General Laws
18 chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall, if the disposition of the
19 charge is other than acquittal or dismissal, be assessed a civil fine of
20 not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than three
21 hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first offense, not less than three
22 hundred dollars (\$300.00) and not more than five hundred dollars
23 (\$500.00) for the second offense, and not less than five hundred dol-
24 lars (\$500.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
25 for the third offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.