

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1569**

By Mr. Linsky of Natick, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1569) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to establish sentencing guidelines for convictions of criminal offenses in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

David Paul Linsky	J. James Marzilli, Jr.
Michael E. Festa	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Cory Atkins	Patricia D. Jehlen
Jay R. Kaufman	Jennifer M. Callahan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SENTENCING GUIDELINES.

*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 1. Regarding Sentencing Guidelines.
- 2 Section 1. Definitions. The following terms as used in this
- 3 chapter shall have the following meanings:—
- 4 “Adjudication of delinquency,” a determination or finding pur-
- 5 suant to G.L. c. 119 § 58 that a juvenile is a delinquent child.
- 6 “Conviction,” a finding or verdict of guilt for a criminal
- 7 offense.
- 8 “Criminal history group,” the classification of an offender’s
- 9 previous record of criminal convictions or adjudications of delin-
- 10 quency as set forth on the horizontal axis of the sentencing guide-
- 11 lines grid.
- 12 “Departure from the guidelines,” a sentence imposed outside
- 13 the sentencing range contained in the applicable grid cell for the
- 14 particular offense.

























































































































































