

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1829**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Richard R. Tisei**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for increased penalties for persons who commit crimes against the elderly.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:             | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |
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| Richard R. Tisei  | Middlesex and Essex            |
| Bruce E. Tarr     | First Essex and Middlesex      |
| Michael R. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire   |
| Robert L. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk           |
| Scott P. Brown    | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01024 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY.

*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. Subsection (a) of section 15A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in line 3, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 15; by striking out the word "one", in line 4, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following word:- two; by striking out the words "two and one-half",  
5 in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five; and by striking out the word  
6 "two", in line 9, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

7 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 15B of said chapter 265 is hereby amended by striking  
8 out the word "five", in line 3, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- ten; by striking  
9 out the word "one", in line 4, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- two; by striking  
10 out the words "two and one-half", in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
11 five; and by striking out the words "one year", in lines 9-10, and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following words:- "five years."

13 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 18 of said chapter 265 is hereby amended by striking out  
14 the word "twenty", in line 3, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 25; and by  
15 striking out the word "two", in line 10, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

16 SECTION 4. Subsection (a) of section 19 of said chapter 265 is hereby amended by striking out  
17 the words "not less than two years", in lines 8-9, and inserting in place thereof the following  
18 word:- life; by striking out the word "two", the second time it appears in line 9, and inserting in  
19 place thereof the following word:- ten; and by striking out the word "two", in line 12, and  
20 inserting in place thereof the following word:- ten.

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