

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1371**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Gloria L. Fox**

*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 relative to increasing the fines for prostitution.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
William Lantigua	16th Essex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1428 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### 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 Section 1. Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 8, and inserting in place  
2 thereof the following section:—  
3 Section 8.  
4 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person convicted of the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under  
5 General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for  
6 not more than one (1) year and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not  
7 more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the first offense, not less than seven hundred fifty dollars  
8 (\$750.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the second offense, and not less than one thousand  
9 dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent  
10 offense thereafter.  
11 Section 8(a)  
12 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person charged with the crime of soliciting for a prostitute under  
13 General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall, if the disposition of the charge is other than acquittal or  
14 dismissal, be assessed a civil fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than three hundred  
15 dollars (\$300.00) for the first offense, not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and not more than five hundred  
16 dollars (\$500.00) for the second offense, and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than one  
17 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.