

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1443**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, Jr.***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to extend statute of limitations for incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1443) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and others relative to extending the statute of limitations for incest. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to extend statute of limitations for incest.

*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. The second paragraph of Section 63 of Chapter 277, is hereby amended to  
2 provide as follows: -

3 Notwithstanding the first paragraph, if a victim of a crime set forth in section 13B, 13F,  
4 13H, 22, 22A, 23, 24B, 26A or 50 of chapter 265, or section 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,  
5 26, 28, 29A, 29B, 33, 34, 35 or 35A of chapter 272 is under the age of 16 at the time the crime is  
6 committed, or, if a victim of section 17 of chapter 272 is under the age of 18 at the time the  
7 crime is committed, the period of limitation for prosecution shall not commence until the victim  
8 has reached the age of 16 (or has reached age 18 if a victim of section 17 of chapter 272) or the  
9 violation is reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever occurs earlier.