

HOUSE No. 2302

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, 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 relative to parole hearings for previous juvenile life sentences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2302) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to parole hearings for certain individuals serving juvenile life sentences. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to parole hearings for previous juvenile life sentences.

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. Section 133a of Chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following:-

3 Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, any person who is found
4 guilty of murder in the first degree who committed the offense on or after the person's fourteenth
5 birthday and before the person's eighteenth birthday who is eligible for parole after the term of
6 years fixed by the court pursuant to section 24 of chapter 279, shall not receive an additional
7 parole hearing if the board determines they are ineligible for parole.