

HOUSE No. 817

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos Gonzalez

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 penalties for crimes against seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of Carlos Gonzalez and others relative to penalties for crimes against seniors. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1346 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to penalties for crimes against seniors.

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 13K of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition
3 “Person with disability” the following definition:-

4 “Senior housing”, housing created pursuant to sections 39 to 41, inclusive, of chapter
5 121B for elderly persons of low income.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 13K of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by inserting after the word “elder”, in lines 70, 75, 81, 87, 90, 96, 98, 104, 106, 113 and
8 in lines 118 to 119, inclusive, the following words:- person residing in senior housing.

9 SECTION 3. Said section 13K of said chapter 265, as so appearing is hereby further
10 amended by adding the following subsection:-

11 (g) Whenever any person has been convicted of subsections (a^{1/2}) to (e), inclusive, when
12 the victim of such crime is an elder or a person residing in senior housing, the person convicted
13 shall register annually for 5 consecutive years with the office of probation, which shall maintain
14 a central registry of all such persons. The registration shall include (i) the offender's home
15 address and any secondary addresses; (ii) the offender's work address; (iii) the offender's age,
16 sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color; (iv) a photograph of the offender; and (v) whether
17 the offender is in compliance with the registration requirement of this subsection. Whoever fails
18 to register as required by this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of
19 correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine
20 and imprisonment.