HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1519 FILED ON: 1/17/2013

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1273

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward F. Coppinger

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:

An Act relative to eliminating the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts for criminal cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Paul W. Mark	*2nd Berkshire*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Joseph DiPietro	*Protect Mass Children* *1150 Walnut Street* *Newton, MA 02461*
Joan Lovely	*Second Essex*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*

John P. Fresolo	*16th Worcester*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*

HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1519 FILED ON: 1/17/2013

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1273

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1273) of Edward F. Coppinger and others for legislation to eliminate the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts for criminal cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to eliminating the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Massachusetts for criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 277 Section 63 of the General Laws, as amended by sections 67 to 69, inclusive, of chapter 267 of the acts of 2010, is hereby further amended by striking out the 4th sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence.

An indictment for murder may be found at any time after the death of the person alleged to have been murdered. An indictment or complaint for an offense set forth in section 13B, 13B½, 13H, 13F, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, 23B, 24, 24B, 26, 26D, 26C, or 44 of chapter 265, section 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 28, 29A, 29B, 29C, 35, 35A or 53A (C) of chapter 272, or for conspiracy to commit any of these offenses or as an accessory thereof or one or more of them may be found and filed at any time after the date of the commission of such offense.

There shall be a three (3) year retroactive window for plaintiffs to file any and all such claims.