

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1300**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to increase the fines for prostitution solicitation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1300) of Gloria L. Fox, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to increase the fines for solicitation of prostitution. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1322 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to increase the fines for prostitution solicitation.

*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  
2 8, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

3           Section 8.

4           Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person convicted of the crime of soliciting  
5 for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall be punished by  
6 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than one (1) year and shall be punished by  
7 a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than seven hundred fifty  
8 dollars (\$750.00) for the first offense, not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and not  
9 more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the second offense, and not less than one

10 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the third  
11 offense and every subsequent offense thereafter.

12 Section 8(a)

13 Notwithstanding any general or special law, a person charged with the crime of soliciting  
14 for a prostitute under General Laws chapter 272, section 8 or otherwise shall, if the disposition of  
15 the charge is other than acquittal or dismissal, be assessed a civil fine of not less than two  
16 hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first  
17 offense, not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and not more than five hundred dollars  
18 (\$500.00) for the second offense, and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more  
19 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the third offense and every subsequent offense  
20 thereafter.