

HOUSE No. 1964

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 protecting victims of sexual assault.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1964) of Colleen M. Garry relative to testing persons convicted of sexual assault for the HIV virus. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1972 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act protecting victims of sexual assault.

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 265 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 24C the following section:— Section 24D. (a) Within 14 days after conviction of any
3 crime listed in section 13B, 13F, 13H, 22, 22A, 23, 24, or 24B of this Chapter, the person
4 convicted shall submit to medical testing to determine the presence of Human Immune
5 Deficiency Virus and the results of said testing shall be made available to the person tested and
6 to the complaining witness of the crimes for which the conviction stands. (b) Said testing shall be
7 conducted under the direction of the Superintendent, Warden or Sheriff of any institution in
8 which the convicted person is held in custody, or under the direction of the Probation
9 Department of the Court in which the conviction occurred, if the person convicted is not held in
10 custody. (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no person required to be
11 tested under this Section may be eligible for parole, work release, education release, or transfer

12 to any facility except a maximum or medium security facility, nor shall said person accrue any
13 credits for deductions for early release from his sentence until such time said testing is
14 completed. (d) Any person refusing to submit to testing under this section shall be returned to the
15 Court of his conviction within seven days following such refusal, and shall show cause why said
16 person shall not be held in contempt of said Court. At said hearing, the Court may, in its
17 discretion, sentence said person for contempt, revoke and revise the person's sentence, or both.
18 Such refusal shall also constitute sufficient grounds for a Court to find a person in violation of
19 any period of probation.