SENATE No. 1829

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Anne M. GobiWorcester and Hampshire

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1829) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1871 OF 2021-2022.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act to ensure timely restitution payments to victims of crime.

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. When a defendant is released from custody or probation and a restitution
- 2 order has not been paid in full to a victim or family member as defined in section 1 of chapter
- 3 258B, the department of revenue shall collect the unpaid amount by withholding the wages of
- 4 the offender.
- 5 The department of revenue shall establish a division of restitution enforcement which
- 6 shall be provided, subject to appropriation, with such resources as may be necessary to
- 7 implement the provisions of this section. The commissioner may promulgate regulations for the
- 8 effective administration of the restitution enforcement program.