

**SENATE . . . . . No. 836**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Eileen M. Donoghue***

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*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 the crime of incest.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

*First Middlesex*

*District Attorney Marian T. Ryan*

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 836) of Eileen M. Donoghue and District Attorney Marian T. Ryan for legislation relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the crime of incest.

*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. Section 63 of chapter 277 is hereby amended, in line 28, by striking out the  
2 figure “17”.

3 SECTION 2. Section 63 of chapter 277 is hereby amended by inserting after the second  
4 paragraph the following paragraph:-

5 “Notwithstanding the first paragraph, if a victim of a crime set forth in section 17 of  
6 chapter 272 is under the age of 16 at the time the crime is committed, the period of limitation for  
7 prosecution shall not commence until the victim has reached the age of 18 or the violation is  
8 reported to a law enforcement agency, whichever occurs earlier.”