

SENATE No. 937

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 juvenile murder.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 937) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald H. Wong, Frank A. Moran and Theodore C. Speliotis for legislation relative to juvenile murder. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to juvenile murder.

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 72B of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the text thereof and replacing it with the
3 following:-

4 “In the case of a sentence to life imprisonment for murder in the first degree committed
5 by a person on or after the person’s fourteenth birthday and before the person’s eighteenth
6 birthday, the court shall fix a minimum term of 35 years, regardless of when the murder was
7 committed.”