

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 967**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chynah Tyler*

*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 larceny.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to penalties for the crime of larceny. 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 larceny.

*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 30 of chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9 and lines 13 and 14, the words “two  
3   hundred and fifty dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-  
4   \$1,500.

5           SECTION 2. Said section 30 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6   amended by inserting after the word “dollars”, in line 15, the following words:- ; or, if the value  
7   of the property stolen exceeds \$250 but is less than \$500, shall be punished by imprisonment in a  
8   jail or house of correction for not more than 1 year or by a fine of not more than \$500; or, if the  
9   value of the property stolen exceeds \$500 but is less than \$1,000, shall be punished by  
10   imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 1 year or by a fine of not more  
11   than \$1,000; or, if the value of the property stolen exceeds \$1,000 but is less than \$1,500, shall  
12   be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 1 year or by a fine  
13   of not more than \$2,500.

14 SECTION 3. Said section 30 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
15 amended by striking out, in lines 15 to 23, inclusive, the words “; or, if the property was stolen  
16 from the conveyance of a common carrier or of a person carrying on an express business, shall  
17 be punished for the first offence by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than two  
18 and one half years, or by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than six hundred dollars, or both,  
19 and for a subsequent offence, by imprisonment for not less than eighteen months nor more than  
20 two and one half years, or by a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty nor more than six  
21 hundred dollars, or both”.

22 SECTION 4. Said section 30 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
23 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

24 (6) Law enforcement officers may arrest without warrant any person an officer has  
25 probable cause to believe has committed the offense of larceny, as defined in this section, where  
26 the value of the property stolen exceeds \$250.

27 SECTION 5. Section 30A of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
28 striking out, in lines 35 and 42, and in lines 46 and 47, the words “one hundred dollars” and  
29 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$250.

30 SECTION 6. Section 37A of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
31 inserting after the word “name”, in line 7, the following words:- , or the code or number used to  
32 identify that instrument or device or an account of credit or cash accessed by that instrument or  
33 device.

34 SECTION 7. Said section 37A of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
35 amended by inserting after the word “credit”, in line 9, the following words:- or by debit from a  
36 cash account.

37 SECTION 8. Section 37B of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
38 striking out, in lines 24 and 25, 29 and 30, 37 and 38, and in lines 45 and 46, the words “two  
39 hundred and fifty dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:-  
40 \$1,500.

41 SECTION 9. Said section 37B of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
42 amended by striking out, in lines 49 and 50, the words “five hundred dollars” and inserting in  
43 place thereof the following figure:- \$3,000.

44 SECTION 10. Section 37C of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
45 striking out, in lines 12, 17 and 23, and in lines 31 and 32, the words “two hundred and fifty  
46 dollars” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- \$1,500.

47 SECTION 11. Said section 37C of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
48 amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 40, the words “two thousand dollars” and inserting in  
49 place thereof the following figure:- \$5,000.

50 SECTION 12. Section 60 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
51 striking out, in line 13, the figure “\$250” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
52 \$1,500.

53           SECTION 13. Said section 60 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
54 amended by striking out, in line 15, the figure “\$1,000” and inserting in place thereof the  
55 following figure:- \$2,500.

56           SECTION 14. Said section 60 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further  
57 amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 20, the figure “\$250” and inserting in place thereof, in  
58 each instance, the following figure:- \$1,500.

59           SECTION 15. Section 127 of said chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
60 striking out, in line 13, the words “two hundred and fifty dollars” and inserting in place thereof  
61 the following figure:- \$1,500.