



THE 187TH GENERAL COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SECTION 1. Legislative Findings

The general court hereby finds that (1) forensic and scientific techniques are often used to analyze evidence or biological material obtained during the investigation of a crime, and, as these techniques become more accurate, their use can, in some cases, conclusively establish a person's guilt or innocence, or otherwise provide significant probative evidence; (2) as these techniques have improved, they have allowed analyses of earlier obtained evidence or biological materials; (3) in some circumstances, modern techniques can be used to demonstrate that a conviction that predates the development of such techniques was based on incorrect factual findings, and these forensic and scientific techniques provide a more reliable basis for establishing a factually correct verdict than the evidence available at the time of the original conviction; (4) in recent years, there have been a significant number of exonerations based on the results of newly developed forensic and scientific techniques; (5) the purpose of this chapter is to remedy the injustice of wrongful convictions of factually innocent persons by allowing access to analyses of biological material with newer forensic and scientific techniques.

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