

HOUSE No. 1531

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 penalties for crimes against seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1531) of Carlos González and others relative to penalties for crimes against seniors. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to penalties for crimes against seniors.

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 13K of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
2 adding the following subsection:-

3 (g) Whenever any person has been convicted of subsections (a½) to (e), inclusive, when
4 the victim of such crime is an elder or a person residing in senior housing, the person convicted
5 shall register annually for 5 consecutive years with the office of probation, which shall maintain
6 a central registry of all such persons. The registration shall include (i) the offender’s home
7 address and any secondary addresses; (ii) the offender’s work address; (iii) the offender’s age,
8 sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color; (iv) a photograph of the offender; and (v) whether
9 the offender is in compliance with the registration requirement of this subsection. Whoever fails
10 to register as required by this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of
11 correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine
12 and imprisonment.