

Massachusetts Laws

Massachusetts criminal laws are primarily in MGL chapters 263-272:

- MGL c.263 Rights of Persons Accused of Crime
- MGL c.264 Crimes Against Governments
- MGL c.265 Crimes Against the Person
- MGL c.266 Crimes Against Property
- MGL c.267 Forgery and Crimes Against Currency
- MGL c.268 Crimes Against Public Justice
- MGL c.269 Crimes Against Public Peace
- MGL c.270 Crimes Against Public Health
- MGL c.271 Crimes Against Public Policy
- MGL c.272 Crimes Against Morality
- MGL c.274, s.1 Misdemeanors and Felonies "A crime punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison is a felony. All other crimes are misdemeanors".
- St.2010, c.256, s.125, effective 11/4/10, allows prosecutors to seek pretrial detention under MGL c.276, s.58A for those charged with a felony for possession of a firearm under MGL c.269, s.10 (a), (c) or (m).