

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01308**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Colleen M. Garry*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*36th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Colleen M. Garry of Dracut, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01308) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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□ , NO. 1397 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children.

*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. Chapter 272 is hereby amended by striking out Section 22 and inserting in place  
2 thereof the following:— Section 22. Whoever conceals the death of a child, so that it cannot be  
3 ascertained whether it was born alive or, if born alive, whether it was murdered, shall be  
4 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in a house of  
5 correction for not more than two and one-half years.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
7 inserting after Section 22 the following section:— Section 22A. Unless otherwise provided by  
8 law, whoever trades, sells or arranges for the sale of a minor child to another person for money

9 or property, real or personal, or anything else of value, or whoever receives such minor child for  
10 such payment or thing of value shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more  
11 than five years or in a house of correction for not more than two and one-half years.

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