

HOUSE No. 1341

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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 the definition of enticement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1341) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others relative to the penalties for enticing a child under the age of sixteen. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1367 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the definition of enticement.

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 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subdivision (a) by striking in line two the word “lure” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:- groom, lure,

4 SECTION 2 Section 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subdivision (b) the following subdivision:-

6 (c) Anyone who entices a child under 16, or a person believed to be under 16,
7 electronically via telephone, cell phone, electronic mail, internet chat room or “instant
8 messenger” with any comment, solicitation, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other
9 communication verbal or otherwise which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent, where

10 sexual grooming, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation was intended, shall be punished by
11 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or in the house of correction for not
12 more than 2 1/2 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and fine.