

HOUSE No. 1463

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 protecting children .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1463) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to establish a penalty for parents, legal guardians or caretakers failing to report the death of a minor child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE

□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 3636 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act protecting 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 269 of the General Laws be amended by adding the following
2 new section:

3 Section 20: Whoever, being the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor child,
4 and who has knowledge of the death of said minor child, and who fails to notify law enforcement
5 or emergency medical personnel of the death of said minor child, within twenty-four hours of
6 death, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by a
7 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house of correction for
8 not more than two and one half years.