

HOUSE No. 1508

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William Lantigua

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 prohibiting the display of materials harmful to minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William Lantigua

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1560 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS.

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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30D
- 2 the following section:-
- 3 Section 30E. Whoever displays material which is harmful in such a way that minors as a part of
- 4 the invited general public will be exposed to view such material, provided, however, a person
- 5 shall not be deemed to have displayed material to minors if the lower 2/3 is not exposed to view
- 6 and segregated in a manner that physically prohibits access to the material by minors or whoever
- 7 allows a minor to view, with or without consideration and material which is harmful to minors
- 8 shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years or
- 9 by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.