

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1512**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 annoying telephone calls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1512) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the penalty for persons making annoying and abusive telephone calls. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1584 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to annoying telephone calls.

*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 is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 14B the following section:-

3           Section 14C. Whoever allows his telephone to be used by another to telephone a person  
4 or his family, repeatedly, for the sole purpose of harassing, annoying or molesting that other  
5 person or his family or for the purpose of repeatedly using indecent or obscene language to that  
6 person or his family, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for  
7 not more than 3 months, or both.