

HOUSE No. 1737

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2021</i>

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1737) of David Paul Linsky 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. 3352 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 new
2 section:

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