

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1870**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam J. Scanlon*

*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 protection of persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1870) of Adam J. Scanlon and others relative to the protection of persons with disabilities from forced or unnatural sexual intercourse. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the protection of persons with disabilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 22C, the following new section:

3 Section 22D. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a  
4 person with disability, as defined in section 13K, and compels such a person with disability to  
5 submit by force and against his or her will or compels such a person with disability to submit by  
6 threat of bodily injury, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any  
7 terms of years. A prosecution commenced under this section shall neither be continued without a  
8 finding nor placed on file.