

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2116**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

*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 enhancing child safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2116) of James J. O'Day and others for legislation to require landlords to install window guards in certain windows. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act enhancing child safety.

*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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2016 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 127P the following section:-

3           Section 127Q. Any landlord who has a tenant in a residential unit with a window higher  
4 than 6 feet off the ground shall inform the tenant that the landlord shall install window guards in  
5 any such windows at no additional cost to the tenant when the tenant can document the presence  
6 of children under 10 years of age in the unit. If any such windows are an access to fire escape  
7 routes or structures, the window guard shall be removable. The tenant shall not remove the  
8 window guards for any reason except emergency egress in times of a fire or other situation  
9 involving hazardous materials. The obligations of a landlord to install window guards under this  
10 section shall not affect the ability of a renter to lease the unit; and any discrimination by the  
11 landlord in this regard shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$500.