

HOUSE No. 02249

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An act to further protect DCF social workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James J. O'Day

14th Worcester

Michael D. Brady

9th Plymouth

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2249) of Brady and O'Day for legislation to establish the crimes of assault and assault and battery upon a social worker within the Department of Children and Families Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act to further protect DCF social workers.

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 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting the following section:-- Section 13N. Assaulting a DCF employee. Whoever
- 3 commits an assault or assault and battery on a Department of Children and Families employee
- 4 outside of that employees regular duties, when said employee has responsibility or jurisdiction of
- 5 assailant's case at DCF, said assailant shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of
- 6 correction for not less than 180 days nor more than 5 years, or by a fine of not less than \$1,000
- 7 nor more than \$10,000, or both.