

HOUSE No. 03155

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven L. Levy

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 relative to the safety of the children in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel K. Webster</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Levy of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3155) of Webster and others relative to the protection of children from sexual predators

Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

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, NO. 3529 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to the safety of the children in the Commonwealth.

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. Paragraph 1 of section 22A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “shall be
3 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any term of years. A prosecution
4 commenced under this section shall neither be continued without a finding not placed on file.”
5 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “shall be punished in the state prison for life
6 or for any term of years not less than ten years; provided, however, that a prosecution
7 commenced under the provisions of this section shall not be placed on file or continued without
8 finding. The sentence imposed on such person shall not be reduced to less than ten years, nor
9 suspended, not shall any person convicted under this subsection be eligible for probation, parole,

10 work release, or furlough or receive any deduction from his sentence for good conduct until he
11 shall have served ten years of such sentence. The provision of section 87 of chapter 276 relating
12 to the power of the court to place certain offenders on probation shall not apply to any person
13 charged with a violation of this section.”

14 SECTION 2. Section 23 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
15 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “shall be punished by
16 imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any term of years or, except as otherwise
17 provided, for any term in a jail or house of correction. A prosecution commenced under this
18 section shall neither be continued without a finding nor placed on file.” and inserting in place
19 thereof the following words:- “shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, in a jail or
20 house of correction for life or any term of years not less than five years; provided, however, that
21 a prosecution commenced under the provisions of this section shall not be placed on file or
22 continued without a finding. The sentence imposed on such person shall not be reduced to less
23 than five years, not suspended, nor shall any person convicted under this subsection be eligible
24 for probation, parole, work release, or furlough or receive any deduction from his sentence for
25 good conduct until he shall have served five years of such sentence. The provisions of section 87
26 of chapter 276 relating to the power of the court to place certain offenders on probation shall not
27 apply to any person charged with a violation of this section.”

28 Section 3. Section 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
29 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “shall be punished by
30 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or by imprisonment in the house of
31 correction for not more than 2½ years. A prosecution commenced under this section shall
32 neither be continued without a finding nor placed on file.” and inserting in place thereof the

33 following words:- “shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, in a jail or house of
34 correction for life or any term of years not less than five years; provided, however, that a
35 prosecution commenced under the provisions of this section shall not be placed on file or
36 continued without finding. The sentence imposed on such person shall not be reduced to less
37 than five years, nor suspended, nor shall any person convicted under this subsection be eligible
38 for probation, parole, work release, or furlough or receive any deduction from his sentence for
39 good conduct until he shall have served five years of such sentence. The provisions of section 87
40 of chapter 276 relating to the power of the court to place certain offenders on probation shall not
41 apply to any person charged with a violation of this section.”