

SENATE No. 48

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dorcena Forry

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 to promote the appropriate treatment of young children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Forry, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 48) of Linda Dorcena Forry, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jason M. Lewis, Frank I. Smizik and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote the appropriate treatment of young children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to promote the appropriate treatment of young 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. Section 52 of 119 Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in the definition of “Delinquent child”
3 the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- twelve

4 SECTION 2. Section 54 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 striking out in the definition of “Delinquent child” the word “seven” and inserting in place
6 thereof the following word:- twelve

7 SECTION 3. Section 67 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 striking out in the definition of “Delinquent child” the word “seven” and inserting in place
9 thereof the following word:- twelve

10 SECTION 4. Section 68 of said Chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
11 striking out the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- twelve

12 SECTION 5. Section 68A of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 striking out the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- twelve

14 SECTION 6. Section 84 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
15 striking out the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following:- twelve