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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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:

An Act relative to criminal proceedings.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera* | *10th Hampden* |

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1259) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to increase the penalty for assault and battery on children. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2805* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to criminal proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 and 19, the words "for not more than five years, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and one-half years" and inserting in place thereof the following words:— for life or for any term of years.