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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 protecting children .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1463) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to establish a penalty for parents, legal guardians or caretakers failing to report the death of a minor child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3636* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act protecting children .

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. Chapter 269 of the General Laws be amended by adding the following new section:

Section 20: Whoever, being the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor child, and who has knowledge of the death of said minor child, and who fails to notify law enforcement or emergency medical personnel of the death of said minor child, within twenty-four hours of death, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house of correction for not more than two and one half years.