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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 from domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2210) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to protecting children from domestic violence. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1430* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

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 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:--

(d) Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another within a dwelling and in the presence of a child under 16 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a fine of not more than $5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the law enforcement agency filing the charges shall provide the department of social services, as established in chapter 18B, with a notice of the charges, to be used at the department's discretion.