

HOUSE No. 1409

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, 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 bill:

An Act relative to the definition of enticement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1470 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF ENTICEMENT.

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 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended in subdivision (a) by striking in line two the word “lure” and inserting in place thereof the following: -
3 groom, lure,

4 SECTION 2 Section 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
5 amended by inserting after subdivision (b) the following subdivision:-

6 (c) Anyone who entices a child under 16, or a person believed to be under 16, electronically via telephone, cell
7 phone, electronic mail, internet chat room or “instant messenger” with any comment, solicitation, request,
8 suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication verbal or otherwise which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy,
9 or indecent, where sexual grooming, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation was intended, shall be punished by
10 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or in the house of correction for not more than 21/2
11 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and fine.