

HOUSE No. 1430

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 bill:

An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 102 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:--

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