

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2507**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act enhancing child safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2507) of James J. O'Day for legislation to require landlords to install window guards in certain windows. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act enhancing child safety.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2018 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 127P the following section:- Section 127Q. Any  
3 landlord who has a tenant in a residential unit with a window higher than 6 feet off the ground  
4 shall inform the tenant that the landlord shall install window guards in any such windows at no  
5 additional cost to the tenant when the tenant can document the presence of children under 10  
6 years of age in the unit. If any such windows are an access to fire escape routes or structures, the  
7 window guard shall be removable. The tenant shall not remove the window guards for any  
8 reason except emergency egress in times of a fire or other situation involving hazardous  
9 materials. The obligations of a landlord to install window guards under this section shall not  
10 affect the ability of a renter to lease the unit; and any discrimination by the landlord in this regard  
11 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$500.