

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 02806**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

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*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 those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

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*10th Hampden*

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*Benjamin Swan*

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*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2806) of Swan and Coakley-Rivera relative to the penalty for persons aiding in the commission of crimes against children Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 1321 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child.

*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 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 By deleting lines 1-3 of section 13B as so appearing up to the semi-colon in line 3 and inserting
- 4 in its place the following:-
- 5 “Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, or whoever
- 6 aids in the commission of such a crime, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison
- 7 for not more than 12 years , or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 5
- 8 years “

9 Section 2. Section 13H of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
10 Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

11 By amending line 2 of section 13H as so appearing by inserting after the word “fourteen” the  
12 following:-

13 “,or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

14 And, by further deleting in line 3 the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

15 “7”

16 And, by deleting in line 4 the words "two and one-half" and inserting in place thereof the

17 following:-

18 “5”

19 Section 3. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
20 Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

21 By amending lines 17, 21, 28 and 33 of section 13J as so appearing by inserting after the word  
22 “injury” in each of the lines, the following:-

23 “, or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

24 And further, by deleting in lines 19, 23, 29 and 35 the words “two and one-half” inserting in  
25 place thereof the following:-

26 “5”;

27 And further, by deleting in lines 18 and 34 the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the  
28 following:-

29 "7";

30 And further, by deleting in line 22 the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the  
31 following:-

32 "17"

33 Section 4. Section 13L of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
34 Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

35 By amending line 16 of section 13L as so appearing by inserting after the word "child" the  
36 following:-

37 " ,or whoever aids in the commission of such a risk or crime,"

38 And, by further amending line 19 of said section as so appearing by deleting the number "2 1/2"  
39 and inserting in place thereof the following number:- "5.