

HOUSE No. 02808

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

10th Hampden

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2808) of Swan and Coakley-Rivera for legislation to impose a penalty for leaving unattended children in motor vehicles Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting the following section:-
- 3 Section 62. A person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not leave
- 4 said child in a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a person who is at least 14 years of
- 5 age. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$200 for the first
- 6 offense and a fine of not more than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.