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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Martin J. Walsh**

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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 criminally negligent homicide.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to criminally negligent homicide.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 30A. A person is guilty of criminally negligent homicide when, with criminal negligence, he causes the death of another person. For purposes of this section, “criminal negligence” is the failure to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that is of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe under the circumstances.  
Whoever is guilty of criminally negligent homicide shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 2½ years and a fine of not more than $10,000.00.