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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

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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 the crime of assault and battery on a child.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ms. Creem | First Middlesex and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00904 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the crime of assault and battery on 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:*

SECTION 1. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:- to insert in line 6, after the word  “any” and before the word, “injury,” the words “bruising or”, and to insert in line 7, after the word “skin,” the words “, any internal injury due to the presence of illegal substances,”

SECTION 2.  Said Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended as follows:- to strike the word “five” in line 18 and replace the same with the word “ten”, and to strike the word “fifteen” in line 22, and to replace the same with the word “twenty.”