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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brown**

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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 sexual abuse of minors.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Brown | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |
| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |
| Mr. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |
| Mr. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |
| Mr. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |
| Todd M. Smola | 1st Hampden |
| F. Jay Barrows | 1st Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00816 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 sexual abuse of minors.

 *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. Chapter 260 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 4C, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition.

SECTION 2.   Section 100A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “court,”, in line 69, the following words:-  a victim seeking information on a sex offense, as defined in section 178C of chapter 6, committed against the victim when the victim was a minor and the offender an adult.

SECTION 3.   Section 63 of chapter 277 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “five”, in line 5, the following words:-  may be found at any time.

SECTION 4.   Said section 63 of said chapter 277, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 19 and 20, the words “, twenty-two, twenty-two A, twenty-three, twenty-four B”.

SECTION 5.  This amendment shall be deemed to be retroactive to the fullest extent permitted under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Rights of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts