

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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 establishing a toll free hotline for the use of foster children reporting cases of abuse or mistreatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOLL FREE HOTLINE FOR THE USE OF FOSTER CHILDREN
REPORTING CASES OF ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT.

*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 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
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3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 11L the following
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5 section:—
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7 Section 11M. The department of the attorney general, in cooperation with the
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9 department of state police, shall establish and maintain a toll-free hotline, so-called, to
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11 receive calls from children being provided foster care by the department of social
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13 services in any type of setting. The state police shall forthwith investigate any charges of
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15 abuse or mistreatment. All information received shall be considered confidential but may
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17 be shared with appropriate public officers and agencies.
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