

HOUSE No.

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 relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THOSE WHO AID IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME AGAINST 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:

1 **Section 1.** Section 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended as follows:

3 By deleting lines 1-3 of section 13B as so appearing up to the semi-colon in line 3 and inserting in its
4 place the following:-

5 “Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, or whoever aids in
6 the commission of such a crime, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more
7 than 12 years , or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 5 years “

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9 **Section 2.** Section 13H of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
10 hereby amended as follows:

11 By amending line 2 of section 13H as so appearing by inserting after the word “fourteen” the following:-

12 “,or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

13 And, by further deleting in line 3 the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

14 “7”

15 And, by deleting in line 4 the words “two and one-half” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

16 “5”

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18 **Section 3.** Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
19 hereby amended as follows:

20 By amending lines 17, 21, 28 and 33 of section 13J as so appearing by inserting after the word "injury" in
21 each of the lines, the following:-

22 ", or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,";

23 And further, by deleting in lines 19, 23, 29 and 35 the words "two and one-half " inserting in place
24 thereof the following:-

25 "5 ";

26 And further, by deleting in lines 18 and 34 the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the following:-

27 "7";

28 And further, by deleting in line 22 the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the following:-

29 "17"

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32 **Section 4.** Section 13L of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
33 hereby amended as follows:

34 By amending line 16 of section 13L as so appearing by inserting after the word "child" the following:-

35 ",or whoever aids in the commission of such a risk or crime,"

36 And, by further amending line 19 of said section as so appearing by deleting the number "2 1/2" and
37 inserting in place thereof the following number:-

38 "5.