

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

*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 protecting children from domestic violence.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 102 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

*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 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:--

3 (d) Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another within a dwelling and in  
4 the presence of a child under 16 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
5 prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a  
6 fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the law  
7 enforcement agency filing the charges shall provide the department of social services, as  
8 established in chapter 18B, with a notice of the charges, to be used at the department's  
9 discretion.

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