

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 Increasing the Penalty for Kidnapping a Child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Hampden

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR KIDNAPPING 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 Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith
2 to protect children from kidnappings and attempted kidnappings, therefore, it is declared to be an
3 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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5 SECTION 1. Section 26 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
6 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 and 43, the words “shall be punished by imprisonment in the
7 state prison for not more than 15 years” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

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9 whether he succeeds or fails in the perpetration of such kidnapping, shall be punished by imprisonment
10 in the state prison for life or any term of years.

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