

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

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 improving safety in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT IMPROVING SAFETY IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. This act may be cited as Christian's Law.

2 SECTION 2. Section 5A of chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
3 Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the last sentence in the paragraph the following:-

4 Every state and town run camp with a swimming area is required to have one Coast Guard
5 approved personal flotation device of Type I, II or III for each minor who will be present in the
6 swimming area.

7 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, every dock that
8 extends past a swimming area will be enclosed with a gate that shall not have footholds. The
9 spacing between the vertical pickets will not exceed 4 inches including the spacing under the
10 fence or any other opening. The gate will not be less than 5 feet in height.

11 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any passenger on an
12 amphibious landing vehicle under ten years of age will be required to wear at all times a Coast
13 Guard approved personal flotation device of Type I, II or III only when the vehicle is in the
14 water.