

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 prohibiting the leaving of an unattended child in a motor vehicle.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01017 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE LEAVING OF AN UNATTENDED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 7CC the following section: -

3 Section 7DD. (a) For the purposes of this section an unattended child shall be a child
4 who is not accompanied by another person who is at least 14 years of age.

5 (b) A person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not leave said
6 child in a motor vehicle without being supervised by a person who is at least 14 years of age if:

7 (A) the conditions present a risk to the health or safety of the child, or

8 (B) the engine of the motor vehicle is running or the keys to the motor vehicle are any
9 anywhere in the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

10 (c) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 for the
11 first offense and a fine of not less than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.