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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:

An Act prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera* | *10th Hampden* |
| *Benjamin Swan* | *11th Hampden* |

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2808) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan for legislation to impose a penalty for leaving unattended children in motor vehicles. The Judiciary.

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An Act prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

Section 62. A person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not leave said child in a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a person who is at least 14 years of age. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $200 for the first offense and a fine of not more than $500 for a second or subsequent offense.