

HOUSE No. 3979

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the crime of peeping or peering into dwelling houses.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Garrett J. Bradley</i> | <i>3rd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/6/2016</i> |

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley for legislation to establish the crime of peeping or peering into dwelling houses. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing the crime of peeping or peering into dwelling houses.

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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 53A the following section:-

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4 Section 53B. Whoever knowingly enters upon the property of another and peeps, peers or
5 spies into a dwelling through any door, window, or opening with the intent of invading the
6 privacy of the occupants therein without permission or a legitimate reason shall be punished by
7 imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and one-half years, or by a
8 fine of not more than \$2,500 or both.

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10 A law enforcement officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person such officer has
11 probable cause to believe has violated the provisions of this section.