

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3636**

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to establish a penalty for parents, legal guardians or caretakers failing to report the death of a minor child. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act protecting children.

*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 269 of the General Laws be amended by adding the following  
2 new section:

3           Section 20: Whoever, being the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor child,  
4 and who has knowledge of the death of said minor child, and who fails to notify law enforcement  
5 or emergency medical personnel of the death of said minor child, within twenty-four hours of  
6 death, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by a  
7 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house of correction for  
8 not more than two and one half years.