

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1259**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

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*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 relative to criminal proceedings.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1259) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to increase the penalty for assault and battery on children. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2805 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to criminal proceedings.

*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. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 and 19, the words “for not more  
3 than five years, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and  
4 one-half years” and inserting in place thereof the following words:— for life or for any term of  
5 years.