

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1690**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 regarding youth sports referees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Cantwell*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1690) of James M. Cantwell relative to the employment of certain youth sports referees. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act regarding youth sports referees.

*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 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 191 the following section:-

3 SECTION 192. A boy or girl over 11 years of age and less than 14 years may be  
4 employed in any city or town as a youth athletic program referee, umpire, or official for an age  
5 bracket younger or equal to the minor's own age; provided, however, that an adult representing  
6 the state or local athletic program is on the premises at which the athletic program event is  
7 occurring; provided, further, that a person responsible for the state or local athletic program  
8 possesses a written acknowledgment signed by the minor's parent or guardian consenting to the  
9 minor's employment as a referee, umpire, or official; provided, further, that the employer  
10 provides the boy or girl with written policies regarding the activities and responsibilities of the  
11 boy or girl; and provided, further, that said organization also provides an orientation and training  
12 program for the boy or girl before he or she begins employment.