

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3979**

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**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:

*Garrett J. Bradley*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Plymouth*

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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.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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