

HOUSE No. 1321

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child..

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 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

3 By deleting lines 1-3 of section 13B as so appearing up to the semi-colon in line 3 and
4 inserting in its place the following:-

5 “Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, or
6 whoever aids in the commission of such a crime, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state
7 prison for not more than 12 years , or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more
8 than 5 years “

9 Section 2. Section 13H of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

11 By amending line 2 of section 13H as so appearing by inserting after the word “fourteen”
12 the following:-

13 “;or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

14 And, by further deleting in line 3 the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the
15 following:-

16 “7”

17 And, by deleting in line 4 the words "two and one-half" and inserting in place thereof the
18 following:-

19 “5”

20 Section 3. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

22 By amending lines 17, 21, 28 and 33 of section 13J as so appearing by inserting after the
23 word “injury” in each of the lines, the following:-

24 “, or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

25 And further, by deleting in lines 19, 23, 29 and 35 the words “two and one-half”
26 inserting in place thereof the following:-

27 “5 ”;

28 And further, by deleting in lines 18 and 34 the word ”five” and inserting in place thereof
29 the following:-

30 “7”;

31 And further, by deleting in line 22 the word “fifteen” and inserting in place thereof the
32 following:-

33 “17”

34 Section 4. Section 13L of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
35 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

36 By amending line 16 of section 13L as so appearing by inserting after the word “child”
37 the following:-

38 “,or whoever aids in the commission of such a risk or crime,”

39 And, by further amending line 19 of said section as so appearing by deleting the number
40 “2 1/2” and inserting in place thereof the following number:-

41 “5.