

HOUSE No. 1409

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the definition of enticement..

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 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subdivision (a) by striking in line two the word “lure” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:- groom, lure,

4 SECTION 2 Section 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subdivision (b) the following subdivision:-

6 (c) Anyone who entices a child under 16, or a person believed to be under 16,
7 electronically via telephone, cell phone, electronic mail, internet chat room or “instant
8 messenger” with any comment, solicitation, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other
9 communication verbal or otherwise which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent, where
10 sexual grooming, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation was intended, shall be punished by
11 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or in the house of correction for not
12 more than 2 1/2 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and fine.