

HOUSE No. 1436

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to juvenile restitution..

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 119 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter
2 176 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by inserting after section 62 the following new
3 section:-

4 Section 62A. The court shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that restitution is
5 made to the victim of a juvenile offender. The court shall order that the juvenile be required to
6 repair, replace or otherwise make restitution for damage or loss caused by his wrongful act and
7 may impose fines in limited amounts. Restitution shall be made a condition of release,
8 placement, or parole by the juvenile court. In cases where the court determines it is appropriate,
9 the court may order the juvenile to make restitution directly to the court in the form of financial
10 payments, which shall then be turned over to the victim of the offense. The court may issue such
11 orders as are necessary for the collection of restitution, including garnishments, wage
12 withholdings and executions.