

HOUSE No. 1732

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to Increasing the Penalty for Kidnapping 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 1. Section 26 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 and 43, the words “shall be punished by
- 3 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 15 years” and inserting in place thereof the
- 4 following words:- whether he succeeds or fails in the perpetration of such kidnapping, shall be
- 5 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or any term of years.