

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1782

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to criminally negligent homicide..

*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 30A. A person is guilty of criminally negligent homicide when,  
2   with criminal negligence, he causes the death of another person. For purposes of this section,  
3   “criminal negligence” is the failure to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that is of such  
4   nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of  
5   care that a reasonable person would observe under the circumstances. Whoever is guilty of  
6   criminally negligent homicide shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not  
7   more than 2½ years and a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.