

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3997

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act proposing criminal background checks of religious personnel..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 178Q the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 178R. The sex offender registry board shall conduct criminal background checks  
4 and finger print the following persons, a priest, rabbi, clergy member, ordained or licensed  
5 minister, leader of any church or religious body, accredited Christian Science practitioner, person  
6 performing official duties on behalf of a church or religious body that are recognized as the  
7 duties of a priest, rabbi, clergy, ordained or licensed minister, leader of any church or religious  
8 body, or accredited Christian Science practitioner, or person employed by a church or religious  
9 body to supervise, educate, coach, train or counsel a child on a regular basis.