

**SENATE . . . . . No. 63**

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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 mandated reporters..

*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 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter  
2 176 of the acts 2008, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following:  
3           ; provided however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has  
4 reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from  
5 abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or  
6 welfare, including sexual abuse shall immediately communicate such condition to the state or  
7 local police.