

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2210****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.****To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act protecting children from domestic violence.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2011</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2210) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to protecting children from domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1430 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

*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 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:--

3           (d) Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another within a dwelling  
4   and in the presence of a child under 16 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
5   state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years,  
6   or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the  
7   law enforcement agency filing the charges shall provide the department of social services, as  
8   established in chapter 18B, with a notice of the charges, to be used at the department's  
9   discretion.