

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2806**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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 relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2806) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan relative to the penalty for persons aiding in the commission of crimes against children. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1321 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against 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           Section 1. Section 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

3           By deleting lines 1-3 of section 13B as so appearing up to the semi-colon in line 3 and  
4 inserting in its place the following:-

5           “Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, or  
6 whoever aids in the commission of such a crime, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
7 prison for not more than 12 years , or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more  
8 than 5 years “

9           Section 2. Section 13H of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

11           By amending line 2 of section 13H as so appearing by inserting after the word “fourteen”  
12 the following:-

13           “;or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

14           And, by further deleting in line 3 the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the  
15 following:-

16           “7”

17           And, by deleting in line 4 the words "two and one-half" and inserting in place thereof the  
18 following:-

19           “5”

20           Section 3. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

22           By amending lines 17, 21, 28 and 33 of section 13J as so appearing by inserting after the  
23 word “injury” in each of the lines, the following:-

24           “; or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

25           And further, by deleting in lines 19, 23, 29 and 35 the words “two and one-half”  
26 inserting in place thereof the following:-

27           “5 ”;

28           And further, by deleting in lines 18 and 34 the word "five" and inserting in place thereof  
29 the following:-

30           "7";

31           And further, by deleting in line 22 the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the  
32 following:-

33           "17"

34           Section 4. Section 13L of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
35 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

36           By amending line 16 of section 13L as so appearing by inserting after the word "child"  
37 the following:-

38           ",or whoever aids in the commission of such a risk or crime,"

39           And, by further amending line 19 of said section as so appearing by deleting the number  
40 "2 1/2" and inserting in place thereof the following number:-"5.