

HOUSE No. 459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 to protect persons from bodily harm by consent.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Benjamin Swan for legislation to prohibit consensual acts that cause serious bodily harm or death. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to protect persons from bodily harm by consent.

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 265, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following sentence: -

3 Unless expressly authorized as provided in sections thirty-two to fifty, inclusive, of
4 chapter one hundred and forty-seven, it shall be unlawful to consent to aggravated battery,
5 battery by means of a dangerous weapon, or any act committed with such force that serious
6 bodily harm or death is likely to result.