

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 459**

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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**  
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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.