

HOUSE No. 506

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 increasing the penalty for kidnapping a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/14/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Smola of Palmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 506) of Todd M. Smola, Elizabeth A. Poirier and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation to increase the penalty for the kidnapping of a child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1732 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to increasing the penalty for kidnapping 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 1. Section 26 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 42 and 43, the words “shall be punished by
- 3 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 15 years” and inserting in place thereof the
- 4 following words:- whether he succeeds or fails in the perpetration of such kidnapping, shall be
- 5 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or any term of years.