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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 reckless endangerment of persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Thomas P. Kennedy	
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Karen E. Spilka	
Bruce E. Tarr	
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of Kay Khan and others for legislation relative to reckless endangerment of persons with disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *84* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to reckless endangerment of persons with disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13L of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Child" the following definition:-

"Person with a disability", a person with a permanent or long-term physical or mental impairment that prevents or restricts the individual's ability to provide for his own care or protection.

SECTION 2. Said section 13L of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the figure "265", in line 8, the following words: - ; indecent assault and battery on a person with a disability under section 13F of chapter 265.

9 SECTION 3. Said section 13L of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further

10 amended by inserting after the word “child”, in lines 16 and 23, the following words, in each

11 instance:- , “a person with a disability.”.