

**SENATE . . . . . No. 61**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*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 mandated reporters..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 61) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to mandated reporters. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 63 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to mandated reporters..

*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 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter  
2 176 of the acts 2008, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following:

3 ; provided however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has  
4 reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from  
5 abuse inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or  
6 welfare, including sexual abuse shall immediately communicate such condition to the state or  
7 local police.