

**SENATE . . . . . No. 837**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Anthony W. Petruccelli*

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*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 sexual abuse of minors.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Anthony W. Petruccelli*

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By Mr. Petruccelli, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 837) of Anthony W. Petruccelli for legislation relative to sexual abuse of minors. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to sexual abuse of minors.

*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 4C of chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by striking out the first paragraph thereof as so appearing, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following:-

4           Section 4C. Sexual Abuse of Minors

5           Any actions for assault and battery alleging the defendant sexually abused a minor, or for  
6 negligence alleging that the defendant negligently supervised a third person who sexually abused  
7 a minor, or that the defendant’s conduct caused or contributed to the sexual abuse of a minor by  
8 a third person, may be commenced at any time.