## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1230**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

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 providing protection from child enticement.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex	
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	2/1/2013
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	2/1/2013
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/1/2013
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/31/2013
Daniel B. Winslow	9th Norfolk	1/31/2013

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1230) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to providing protection from child enticement. The Judiciary.

# [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2154 OF 2011-2012.]

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing protection from child enticement.

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 26C of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by inserting after the existing subsection (b), a new subsection (c) as follows:

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- (c) No person, by any means and without privilege to do so, shall knowingly entice any child under the age of 16, or someone he believes to be a child under the age of 16, to enter into any vehicle, if:
- (1) The person does not have the express or implied permission of the parent, guardian, or other legal custodian of the child in undertaking the activity; and
- (2) (i) The person is not a law enforcement officer, emergency services provider as defined in section 71-507, firefighter, or other person who regularly provides emergency services, is not the operator of a bookmobile or other such vehicle operated by the state or a political subdivision and used for informing, educating, organizing, or transporting children, is not a paid employee of, or a volunteer for, a nonprofit or religious organization which provides activities for children, and is not an employee or agent of or a volunteer acting under the direction of any board of education or (ii) the person is a person listed in subdivision (c)(2)(i) of

this section but, at the time the person undertakes the activity, he or she is not acting within the scope of his or her lawful duties in that capacity.

- (3) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this subsection (c) that the person undertook the activity in response to a bona fide emergency situation or that the person undertook the activity in response to a reasonable belief that it was necessary to preserve the health, safety, or welfare of the child.
- (4) Any person who violates this subsection (c) shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, or by both imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$5,000.