

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1261

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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 prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Hampden*

DATE ADDED:

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1261) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to impose a penalty for leaving unattended children in motor vehicles. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2808 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act prohibiting unattended children in motor vehicles.

*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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

3           Section 62. A person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not  
4 leave said child in a motor vehicle without being accompanied by a person who is at least 14  
5 years of age. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$200 for  
6 the first offense and a fine of not more than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.