

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1407****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.****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 protecting children from domestic violence.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>		
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1407) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to protecting children from domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2210 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

*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 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2           Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:--

3           (d) Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another within a dwelling  
4           and in the presence of a child under 16 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
5           state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years,  
6           or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the  
7           law enforcement agency filing the charges shall provide the department of social services, as  
8           established in chapter 18B, with a notice of the charges, to be used at the department's  
9           discretion.