

SENATE No. 36

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:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc R. Pacheco

First Plymouth and Bristol

Bruce E. Tarr

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 36) of Marc R. Pacheco and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to mandated reporters. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 61 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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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.