

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1262

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Diana DiZoglio***

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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 the mandated reporter law.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/16/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>9/16/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/16/2019</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>9/16/2019</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1262) of Diana DiZoglio and others relative to the reporting of neglect or abuse by mandated reporters. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1295 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to the mandated reporter law.

*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 most recently amended  
2   by section 10 of chapter 178 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3   first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           (a)     A mandated reporter who, in his or her professional capacity, has reasonable  
5   cause to believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from: (i) abuse  
6   inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare,  
7   including sexual abuse; (ii) neglect, including malnutrition; (iii) physical dependence upon an  
8   addictive drug at birth, (iv) being a sexually exploited child; or (v) being a human trafficking  
9   victim as defined by section 20M of chapter 233, shall immediately communicate with the  
10   department orally and, within 48 hours, shall file a written report with the department detailing

11 the suspected abuse or neglect. A mandated reporter who, in his or her professional capacity,  
12 becomes aware of a sexually exploitative relationship between a child under the age of 18 and  
13 another mandated reporter, shall immediately communicate with the department orally and,  
14 within 48 hours, shall file a written report with the department detailing the suspected  
15 exploitation.