

SENATE No. 978

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 regarding youth sports referees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 978) of Robert L. Hedlund, James M. Cantwell, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Viriato M. deMacedo and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to youth sports referees. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 863 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act regarding youth sports referees.

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 60 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following:-

3 This section shall not be deemed to prohibit children ten to fourteen years of age from
4 participating in a youth sporting event as a referee, coach or other position necessary to the
5 sporting event; except that, this paragraph shall not include working at a concession stand. For
6 purposes of this paragraph, “youth sporting event” means an event where all players are under
7 the age of eighteen and the event is sponsored and supervised by a public body or a not for profit
8 entity.