

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 801**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 providing for the enforcement of child abuse reporting requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2017</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 801) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to provide for the enforcement of child abuse reporting requirements. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1325 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act providing for the enforcement of child abuse reporting requirements.

*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 119 § 51A of the 2014 Official Edition of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended in line 46 by striking out the words “one thousand dollars” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following words: “twenty-five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the  
4 House of Corrections for not more than two and one half years, or both such fine and  
5 imprisonment.”

6           SECTION 2. Chapter 119 § 51A of the General Laws is hereby amended in line 48 by  
7 striking out the words “one thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following words:  
8 “twenty-five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the House of Corrections for not more than  
9 two and one half years, or both such fine and imprisonment.”