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HOUSE . . . . . No. 803

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 relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children.

PETITION OF:

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

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 803) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1330* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out Section 22 and inserting in place thereof the following:— Section 22. Whoever conceals the death of a child, so that it cannot be ascertained whether it was born alive or, if born alive, whether it was murdered, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in a house of correction for not more than two and one-half years.

SECTION 2. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after Section 22 the following section:— Section 22A. Unless otherwise provided by law, whoever trades, sells or arranges for the sale of a minor child to another person for money or property, real or personal, or anything else of value, or whoever receives such

minor child for such payment or thing of value shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than five years or in a house of correction for not more than two and one-half years.