

HOUSE No. 1584

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 annoying telephone calls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1584) of Colleen M. Garry and others relative to the penalty for persons making annoying and abusive telephone calls. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3285 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to annoying telephone calls.

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 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 14B the following section:-

3 Section 14C. Whoever allows his telephone to be used by another to telephone a person
4 or his family, repeatedly, for the sole purpose of harassing, annoying or molesting that other
5 person or his family or for the purpose of repeatedly using indecent or obscene language to that
6 person or his family, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for
7 not more than 3 months, or both.