

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1737

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***David Paul Linsky***

*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 protecting children.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>David Paul Linsky</i> | <i>5th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/13/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1737) of David Paul Linsky for legislation to establish a penalty for parents, legal guardians or caretakers failing to report the death of a minor child. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3352 OF 2019-2020.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act protecting children.

*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 be amended by adding the following new  
2 section:

3           Section 20: Whoever, being the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor child, and  
4 who has knowledge of the death of said minor child, and who fails to notify law enforcement or  
5 emergency medical personnel of the death of said minor child, within twenty-four hours of death,  
6 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by a fine of  
7 not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house of correction for not more  
8 than two and one half years.