

HOUSE No. 1870

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam J. Scanlon

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 protection of persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1870) of Adam J. Scanlon and others relative to the protection of persons with disabilities from forced or unnatural sexual intercourse. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to the protection of persons with disabilities.

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 22C, the following new section:

3 Section 22D. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a
4 person with disability, as defined in section 13K, and compels such a person with disability to
5 submit by force and against his or her will or compels such a person with disability to submit by
6 threat of bodily injury, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any
7 terms of years. A prosecution commenced under this section shall neither be continued without a
8 finding nor placed on file.