

HOUSE No. 1777

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

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 indecent assault and battery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/18/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 1777

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida and others relative to indecent assault and battery. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1879 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to indecent assault and battery.

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. Section 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following 2
3 paragraphs:-

4 For the purposes of this section, “bodily substance” shall mean any human secretion,
5 discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

6 Indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 shall include assault on said
7 child by a bodily substance.

8 SECTION 2. Section 13B ½ of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 inserting after the first paragraph the following 2 paragraphs:-

10 For the purposes of this section, “bodily substance” shall mean any human secretion,
11 discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

12 Said indecent assault and battery shall include assault on said child by a bodily substance.

13 SECTION 3. Section 13B ³/₄ of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 inserting after the first paragraph the following 2 paragraphs:-

15 For the purposes of this section, “bodily substance” shall mean any human secretion,
16 discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

17 Indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 shall include assault on said
18 child by a bodily substance.

19 SECTION 4. Section 13F of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

21 For the purposes of this section, “bodily substance” shall mean any human secretion,
22 discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

23 Indecent assault and battery on a person with an intellectual disability shall include
24 assault on said person by a bodily substance.

25 SECTION 5. Section 13H of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
26 adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

27 For the purposes of this section, “bodily substance” shall mean any human secretion,
28 discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

29 Indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, or an elder or a person with a
30 disability shall include assault said person by a bodily substance.